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AS NAT LOUBET SEES IT

WHERE Muhammad Ali should be rated among the top ten heavyweights who have flourished since the days of John L. Sullivan is a puzzle often tackled in the councils of The Ring but never brought to fruition.

The job would not be too onerous if Clay had a real punch.

The task would be lightened if Ali were a consummate boxer.

But neither on the power side nor on the scientific side is there a sufficiency of evidence to carry enough convincing weight.

Let me not be misunderstood. He has been a great fighter. An opportunist, yes, at all times. You might call him the Darling of the Gods.

The breaks have run in Clay's favor ever since the day he won the Olympic light heavyweight gold medal at Rome. A week before the opening of the Olympic tournament, Cassius was sitting in the athletes' village playing his harmonica. He was surrounded by girls. They had made him their hero as they have kept him their hero ever since.

Along came the late Nat Fleischer, who was to report the games.

"Cassius, all of the other boxers in the tournament are training," Nat said. "Don't get the idea that the other entries are made to order for you. If you don't get to work and attend to business you will get beaten."

Fleischer continued the warning for a while. Cassius Clay, of Louisville, left the admiring throng and went to work. He kept training and eventually won the gold medal.

Would he have adopted a stiff regimen of training if Fleischer had not come along and warned him?

Would Ali have won the title from Sonny Liston at Miami Beach if Angelo Dundee had not lifted him out of his seat for the fifth round after Clay had insisted that he could not see, that he had been blinded by Sonny's rubdown liniment?

Would Clay have overcome the effects of his knockdown by Henry Cooper if Dundee had not gotten away with the stunt of cutting Ali's glove and insisting that it had been ripped in action? The rest while Clay waited for a new glove sent him back strong enough to stop Henry.

And so it has gone from fight to fight, from break to break, right through the eighth round of the Foreman fight at Zaire.

When it came to refusing to be drafted into the Army, Muhammad got the break of his life. The people of the United States were against the war and, if Cassius did not want to go to Vietnam, there were millions of others who felt the same way. Had it been a popular war he might have made a different decision.

Even in the fight at Zaire the luck of the Muslims held out as Cassius came from behind in the scoring to catch Foreman with a right which gave the world title back to Ali.

After the fifth round, Foreman began to show the effects of fatigue and failure to respond to training.

Even the postponement of the fight for a month, which was expected generally to better George's condition and his chances, worked to Clay's advantage. Foreman had an extra month in which to do his worrying.

Not to be overlooked is the entry of Dundee into the Muhammad picture.

Dundee had much to do with the Clay decision to let Foreman punch himself weary.

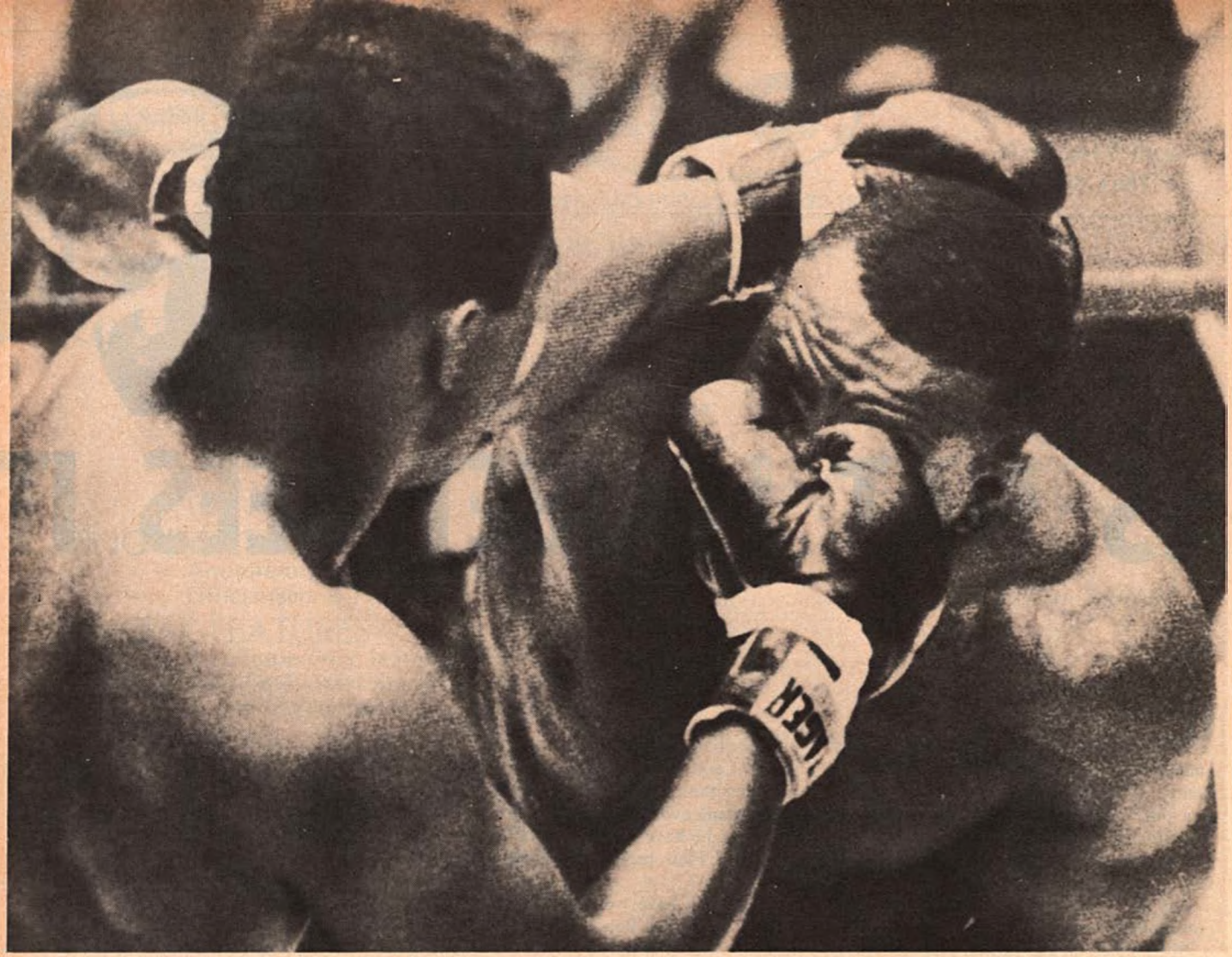
Nor are we to ignore the second meeting with Liston in the skating rink at Lewiston, Maine, which turned into a farce.

A lot of credit belongs to Muhammad because of the fact that he is mostly self taught.

"I am my own trainer" Ali announced after the Foreman affair. Some credit may have redounded to Dundee and Ali was not going to let that happen.

In any event, the man is the heavyweight of his time. He is a great fighter, whether he chooses to jab or hook, whether he chooses to fight or to do his familiar ballet performance.

He is the most highly discussed fighter in the history of boxing.



Muhammad Ali, then Cassius Clay, shown connecting with a right to Sonny Liston's face, rates that battle of 1964 in Miami Beach in which he won the heavyweight title for the first time as the toughest of his ring career.

ALI RATES TITLE-WINNING FIGHT WITH LISTON HARDEST OF CAREER FULL OF TOUGHIES

By MUHAMMAD ALI
(as told to Bob Goodman)

CAN FRANK SINATRA name his ten favorite songs? Could a child list his ten favorite candy bars? Can Jim Brown rattle off his ten toughest football games? And make those lists in order of preference?

I doubt it. At least not without changing the lists many times over.

I guess I have been asked to name "my toughest fights" at least a hundred times. And I have probably come up with almost as many different replies. It's difficult because I consider all of my fights tough and all of my opponents worthy.

Until this time, I don't think I've ever had to sit down and give it thought. Running true to form, if you asked me the same question next week, my list might change again.

I've had too many milestones in my career to possibly think of

picking fights on their importance.

There was probably no bigger challenge in my career than the one that George Foreman posed in Kinshasa, Zaire. Strangely, although regaining my crown will remain one of my greatest thrills, it wasn't one of my toughest fights.

The toughest would be my fight with Sonny Liston, when I won the title in 1964.

I was young and a great admirer of Liston's talent. He could do just about everything except dance. But outside of myself, there's never really been a dancin' heavyweight. Liston had a tremendous jab, could punch with either hand, was smart in the ring and as strong as any heavyweight I'd ever seen. . .

He was ugly, too. In and out of the ring. Being a big underdog and acting crazy at the weigh-in made everybody think that I was scared half to death.

Sonny came out at the bell looking to take me apart. I moved and stuck, knowing that I was gaining control in the second round. But the "Bear" was always dangerous. Stalking, glaring, mean.

About the fourth round my eyes started burning. Finally, when I came back to my corner, I couldn't see at all. I figured Liston had something on his gloves and asked Angelo (Dundee) to cut my gloves off. He didn't but gave my eyes a good wash, checked Liston's corner, talked to the referee and tried to stall for more time.

The bell rang but my eyes were still burning and watering. Angelo gave me a good pat on the rear end and said, "keep moving".

Half-blind, only seeing a blurred hulk coming at me, I got on my bicycle. Luckily, I had enough instinct, speed and, yes, fear, to keep from getting tagged by the chasing Liston until my eyes started to clear.

I think he used a lot up chasing me and missing those big punches. He was tired and I knew I had regained control.

Like a wounded animal, with eyes swollen and cut, Sonny came out with a surge in the sixth round and connected with a good right hand but he couldn't keep it going and I ended the round feeling like I was the new champ.

But I was still very relieved to see big Sonny remain on his stool when the bell rang for the seventh.

I still respect him as one of the truly great heavyweights of all time.

Next, I'd say would be the Doug Jones fight in 1963.

Jones had just come off a big knockout over Zora Folley. He was smart and hungry. I had put a lot of pressure on myself with the predicting and tried to make it come true. The Garden was jammed and Jones was from New York

All night long the determined Jones kept getting me with a looping right hand. He'd move in relentlessly and lead with the right. He was just throwing me off stride and I was very happy to be awarded a close decision.

Here I go, getting myself in deep trouble. That's because I don't know who could've been tougher than Joe Frazier the first time we met. He was really something that night, March 8, 1971, I'll never forget the date.

Joe just kept coming. I thought that I won that fight but I don't do the judging. Everybody remembers that one so I don't have to go into it. He was a great heavyweight that night. His style will give me a tough fight every time.

Ken Norton was tough both times we fought. He broke my jaw in the first one, which I wasn't in condition for. The second time, in Los Angeles, I was ready and won the early rounds but had to pull a split decision out in the last round.

Norton's strength and jerky rhythm throws me off, and like Frazier, will always be a tough one for me to conquer.

I know the name Karl Mildenberger might not strike fear in many men's hearts but he was a rough one for me to figure.

I fought him in Germany in 1966. He was a southpaw and I had a lot of trouble getting untracked against his style. He could box pretty well and whacked me with a few good punches. I didn't get him until the 12th round in what everyone figured would be an easy fight.

Doug Jones, driving Clay into the ropes during their 1963 bout in New York, is rated by Ali as the second toughest opponent he has faced.

Ali, his jaw broken, and his faithful friend and companion, Bundini, near tears after Muhammad's loss to Ken Norton in their first meeting in 1973. This bout also rated high among Ali's toughest encounters.

In my second fight since my layoff of over three years, Oscar "Ringo" Bonavena gave me a real tough 15 rounds.

Bonavena, short, awkward and strong, did everything but hit me in the kneecaps trying to win that one. I finally caught him coming in with a left hook in the 15th round. I was glad it was over after a gruelling fight.

Then in 1972, I met light heavyweight champ Bob Foster in Lake Tahoe. I always respected him as possibly the greatest of all 175-pounders but I never figured he could handle me.

For almost four rounds, I laid on him and used my 41-pound advantage to tire him out. When I figured I had him weary, he started jabbing. I couldn't believe he was out-jabbing me, the master of the jab. His jabs were sharp and hard. He caught me with some good combinations and shook me a couple of times.

For the first time in my career, I was cut with a crisp jab. He also had me swollen under the other eye and cut in the mouth but the weight took its toll and he went down for the seventh and final time in the eighth round.

I was glad I got him at 34 and that he didn't have an extra 15 or 20 pounds.

It might sound funny but Jimmy Ellis, who was formerly my chief sparring partner, gave me a tough night in the Houston Astrodome.

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RING DETECTIVE EXPLAINS ZAIRE CUT EYE PLOY, THE FOREMAN NEED FOR DELAY

By DAN DANIEL

LET THERE be, particularly with television accompaniment, a major fight for the world heavyweight championship and in the speedy aftermath, there is an outpouring of popular sentiment which ranges from "The best since Dempsey and Firpo," or "the two Dempsy-Tunney tens," down to the ultimate in fistic damnation, "Fake. The worst since Johnson and Willard."

Actually there is no proof that Jack Johnson perpertrated a fraud at Havana. But everybody is a fight expert.

Fight fans and fight reporters are suspicious people. Their status is a heritage from the bare knuckle days, when supervision of the game was non-existent and promoters were lax and loose. The fan was accustomed to casting a doubting eye on scraped knuckles.

Actually the number of heavyweight title fights on which suspicion could be cast since the days of John L. Sullivan has been amazingly small. But cry "Fake" they will if the fight displeases them.

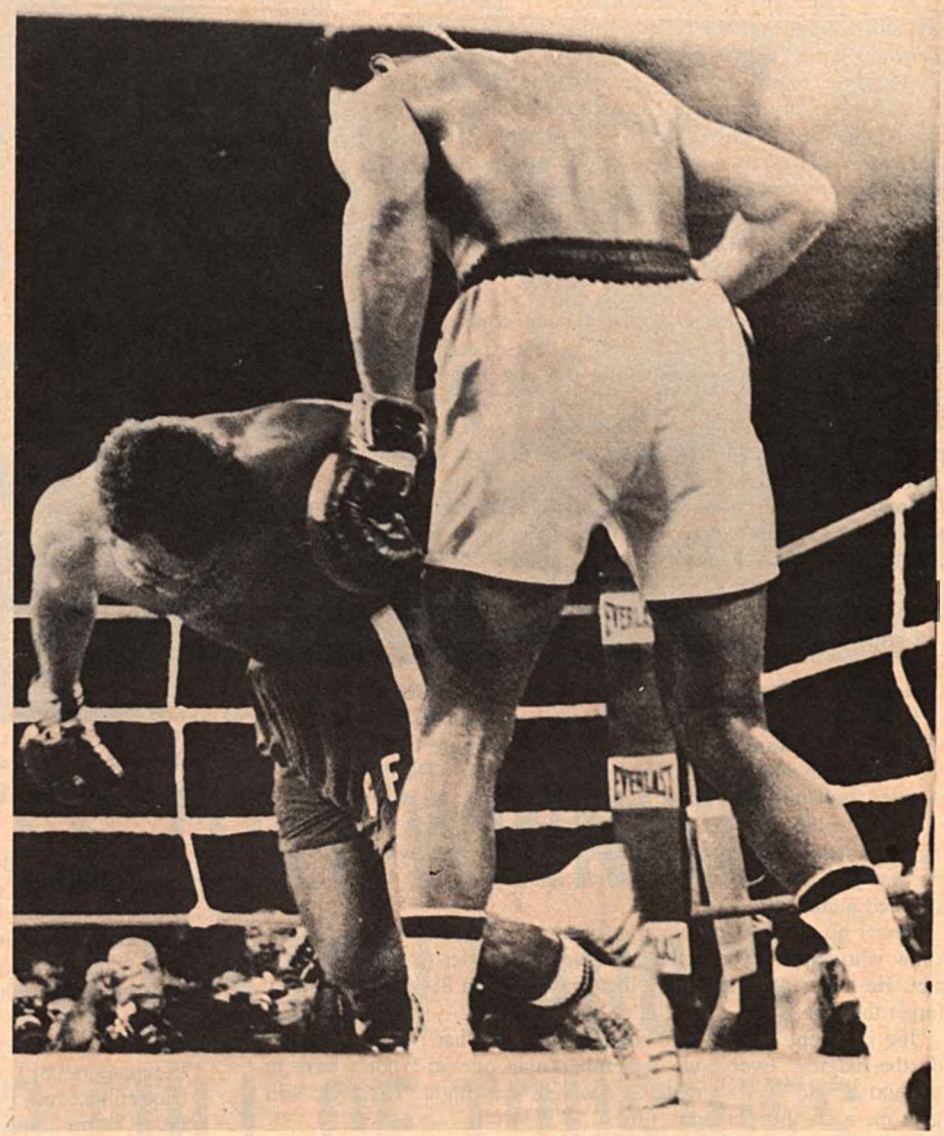
All of this is a leadup to a fight utterly without the faintest hint of dishonesty, the Battle of Zaire in which Muhammad Ali knocked out George Foreman and became the second heavyweight to recover the title, the first having been Floyd Patterson.

From the moment Foreman shook Don King's clinching hand in a San Francisco parking lot one midnight until that same George Foreman sank to the canvas under the impact of an Ali right, this fight, its arrangements and its auspices, even George's cut eye, were on what the vernacular calls "the up and up."

However, the Battle of Kinshasa left behind more questions, more queries unanswered, more puzzlements than any other heavyweight title fight in the book.

The situation invited the attention of the Ring Detective, who delights to delve into such brain and eye teasers. Let us tackle the various questions seriatem.

Let it be understood it was not a good fight. Foreman was not in condition and Ali was trying something new for his career – fighting almost entirely off the ropes instead of dancing and jabbing.



Muhammad Ali watches George Foreman fall to the canvas in the eighth round of their Zaire battle.

Actually, Muhammad won on condition, though he has been in better shape.

Foreman was in bad condition. The severe climate had been against him. He started training when he weighed 250 pounds. He took off as many as 30, weighing in at 220. By the fourth round he was exhausted.

Now for the points which have to be examined by the Ring Detective:

(1) **The Cut Eye** – In the midst of the first stage of training, there came, suddenly, as such announcements will come, that the champion of the world, George Foreman, had suffered a cut eye while sparring with Bill McMurray. The injury would mean a postponement of the fight, which was set for September 30, at 3 in the morning.

As we know, the fight had to be postponed for a month. October 30 was announced as the new date, giving Foreman sufficent time in which to heal the cut.

The question facing the Ring Detective concerns the true origin of the cut, how Foreman suffered the injury, which was slight, and how the cut eye helped George or handicapped him.

To begin with, the Ring Detective is not satisfied that the Cut Eye Incident had its start in the ring.

Let the Ring Detective explain that he does not regard any possible self initiation of the cut as bordering on fraud or the unfair or reprehensible.

Foreman's trainers, Dick Sadler and Archie Moore, noted with alarm that their man was not responding to training and that he was drastically in need of more time.

To come out with the bald announcement that the champion was having trouble getting into shape would have been a serious strategic blunder.

To issue a cut eye statement was strategically permissible. It appeared to be for the good of the fight, and the public, to devise an injury and to ask for delay.

There was nothing wrong in the tactic and Foreman must have been dismayed when he found that the ploy was not successful and that he had to enter the ring against a better conditioned and faster fighter.

That this faster man also would have a harder punch could not have occurred to him. The cut eye did not open during the fight and George neither gained nor lost through the use of an excusable stratagem.

(2) **The Loose Ropes** – Since Clay fought almost entirely off the ropes or out of a neutral corner, the Ring Detective saw Muhammad take advantage of the loose ropes but he did not set the ropes. They were just as loose or just as tight for Foreman.

As it turned out, the loose ropes worked to the advantage of the winner as he adopted a new scheme of attack and defense. The old rope trick was nothing new.

That Ali went into the fight with the rope trick in mind is not likely. He developed the scheme of using the ropes and the corner when he felt Foreman's punches weakening and his own strength not too greatly impaired. That the use of the loose ropes was splendid strategy became increasingly apparent as Foreman's attack or non-attack, so extravagantly advertised after his KO of Joe Frazier, stood out in the ultimate result. Foreman was outwitted in this matter as he was outwitted in general.

George looked and acted as one of the least intelligent defending champions in heavyweight history. He now indicates that much of the blame rests with Sadler and Moore. To what extent they were at fault only Moore and Sadler know. Could be there was no real working plan in the Foreman camp.

Fighting off the ropes may have been devised by Angelo Dundee, Ali's trainer of record. But Muhammad announced that he was his own trainer. Angie is not one to dispute this.

(3) **The Loose Deck Covering** – The Ring Detective is not inclined to give this Foreman charge any consideration.

The floor covering appeared to be in order and, in any event, it had utterly no effect on the fight.

If the covering actually was loose it might have hurt Ali had he adhered to his old tactic of moving about, pirouetting and jabbing.

(4) **Foreman's charge that he got a fast count** – In charging that he had been the victim of a fast ten-and-out count, Foreman laid a weak indictment on referee Zack Clayton, who had been imported from Pennsylvania and New York.

Insofar as could be discerned by ringsiders and by reporters who watched the screening in New York, Clayton gave Foreman the full count. This was checked against the count given to George in the movie and the tape. This test is

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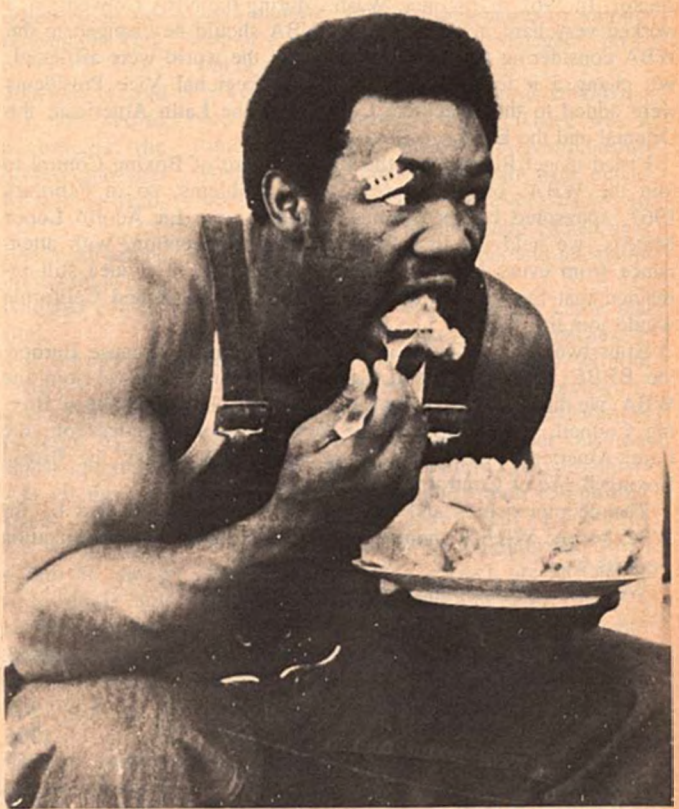
A tired-looking Ali talks to newsmen in his dressing room after he regained his title. He thus became only the second heavyweight in ring history to accomplish that feat. The first, of course, was Floyd Patterson, who took the crown from Ingemar Johansson after having lost it to the Swede in 1959.



Foreman is shown eating watermelon for breakfast at the villa he stayed at in N'Sele, Zaire. The cut over his eye suffered during training at the hands of Bill McMurray is covered by quite a prominent bandage.

VELASQUEZ CITES POWER OF THE WBC

By RAMON G. VELASQUEZ
PRESIDENT, WORLD BOXING COUNCIL

Ramon G. Velasquez, President of the World Boxing Council.

MEXICO CITY — In 1960 I was commissioned by President Lic. Adolfo Lopez Mateos to ask for the site of the 41st NBA Convention. At that Convention I was elected International Coordinator. In 1962 in Tacoma, Wash., during the NBA Convention, I worked very hard in order that the NBA should be changed to the WBA considering that some countries of the world were affiliated. We changed it to the WBA and three Regional Vice Presidents were added to the Executive Committee: the Latin American, the Oriental and the European Boxing Union.

I tried to get Europe and the British Board of Boxing Control to join the WBA, but there were many problems, so in February 1963, sponsored by the President at that time Lic. Adolfo Lopez Mateos, we held the first World Boxing Convention, with attendance from every boxing country in the world. The idea still remained that Europe, the British Board, New York and California would join the WBA.

After two days of work without any progress, because Europe, the BBBC, New York and California did not want to join the WBA, we thought of a way out, to form a new body, the World Boxing Council, represented by the Oriental Boxing Federation, the Latin American Boxing, the European Boxing Union, the British Boxing Board of Control and the WBA.

The championships and the ratings were to be handled by the WBC but the WBA withdrew from the WBC and each organization went its way.

We have celebrated the following conventions:

I	Mexico, D.F., February 14 to 18	1963
II	Venice, Italy, August 14 to 17	1964
III	Madrid, Spain, September 13 to 15	1965
IV	Mexico, D.F., August 27 to 29	1966
V	Manila, Philippines, May 17 to 21st.	1969
VI	Madrid, Spain, June 1st. to 5th.	1970
VII	Mexico, D.F. June 23 to 26	1971
VIII	Mexico, D.F., October 18 to 21st.	1972
IX	Bahia, Salvador, Brazil, October 18 to 21st.	1973
X	Mexico, D.F., Nov. 6 to 9	1974

The membership of the World Boxing Council is composed of the Continental European Boxing Union, the British Boxing Board of Control and Commonwealth, the North American Boxing Federation, the Central American and Caribbean Boxing Federation, the South American Boxing Federation, the Oriental Boxing Federation, the Pan Pacific Boxing Federation and the African Boxing Union. Each member federation or groups shall be entitled to two votes each at any annual or special meeting or at any time that votes are requested to solve any matter, plus those of the Vice-President and the Secretary General and/or the President in case of a tie.

African Boxing Union = 24 countries.

Algeria, Cameroun, Cote D'Ivoire, Congo, Dahomey, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Haute Volta, Kenya, Mali, Maroc, Niger, Nigeria, Ouganda, Republique Central Afrique, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Tanzanie, Tchad, Togo, Tunizie, Zaire, Zambia plus seven more countries in the state of affiliation.

British Boxing Board of Control = 13 countries.

Northern Ireland, England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji Islands, Jamaica, Trinidad, Canada, India and Belize.

Central American & Caribbean Fed. = 7 countries.

Costa Rica, Ecuador, Venezuela, Colombia, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Trinidad & Tobago.

European Boxing Union = 15 countries.

Spain, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Holland, Denmark, Norway, Finland, Austria, Turkey, Greece and Portugal.

North American Boxing Federation = 2 countries

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BILL BRENNAN

WBA'S BRENNAN WARNS BOXING TO BEWARE OF BEING CHEWED UP BY TV

By BILL BRENNAN
CHAIRMAN, WBA
RATING COMMITTEE

BILL BRENNAN, chairman of the Championship Committee of the World Boxing Association, lives in Richmond, Va., and is head of the state commission. However, his chief reputation in boxing derives from the fact that he has been an important advisor to World Boxing Association presidents.

He represents the new head of the WBA, Dr. Elias M. Cordova, Jr. in the United States.

DURING the 53rd annual convention of the World Boxing Association held in Panama recently, delegates from legalized governmental commissions and the membership at large, unanimously elected Dr. Elias M. Cordova, Jr., Panama, to the office of President of the Association. This was a wise choice. Dr. Cordova is a dedicated, honest and tough boxing administrator. He has served boxing well in many capacities, not only in his own country but as an officer of the W.B.A. as well. He is well versed in world boxing matters and we believe he is destined to become one of the strongest presidents in W.B.A. history.

Under the guidance of President Cordova, the W.B.A. will continue it's effort to unify world ratings of boxers and will work toward the elimination of dual championships.

This will be a monumental task. It has been tried in the past with no success. However this organization must continue to try to find a way to eliminate the confusion that now exists throughout the world where world championships are concerned.

The W.B.A. does not agree with any organization which would strip a worthy world champion of his title for no just cause. The case of Carlos Monzon is a prime example of what many boxing people consider an injustice to a worthy champion. Monzon has fulfilled his obligation as a recognized world champion. He has defended his title regularly against all leading, available contenders. He has, abided by W.B.A. rules and he is recognized as the world middleweight champion by this organization.

We believe that world titles should be won, or lost, in the ring and that recognized champions should defend their titles regularly against the leading available contender in their weight division.

The WBA, has recently amended its championship rules and all recognized world champions, with the exception of the heavyweight champion, are required to defend their titles against leading available contenders every six months.

Because of circumstances inherent in, and peculiar to the promotion of world heavyweight championship contests, the heavyweight champion is allowed one year for his first defense against the leading available contender.

Following his first defense he must defend his title at intervals of no more than nine months against the leading available contender in the heavyweight division.

The W.B.A. believes that recognized world champions must keep active if boxing is to remain healthy. It is also our belief that a world champion so recognized by the World Boxing Association stands supreme in his class and must be ready at all times to contend with qualified challengers.

In recognizing a boxer as a world champion the W.B.A. enjoins him to set a champion's example in high ideals and sportsmanship, in the belief that, while a world champion is not greater than the sport in which he has reached the pinnacle of success, no sport can rise above the level of those who take part in it.

We believe that boxing is the greatest sport in the world and that no commission, or world boxing body, is greater than the sport which it is trying to regulate and control. Therefore, decisions that affect world champions should never be made in secret, or in the dark, or for the convenience of promoters and managers.

The W.B.A. is an association of legalized governmental boxing and athletic commissions from various parts of the world charged with the regulation, supervision and control of professional boxing in their respective jurisdictions. Delegates from these commissions are sent to W.B.A. meetings and conventions as representatives of their respective commissions and decisions are reached by a vote of the said delegates. Controversial matters, especially those concerning world champions, are settled, not by any individual officer, or W.B.A. member, but by a majority vote of the Executive Committee or a majority vote of the delegates present at a convention.

The administration of professional boxing has changed in recent years. There was a time when to conclude a world championship contest boxing authorities dealt with managers and promoters. However, today to finalize any world championship contest it is necessary to deal with lawyers and television producers.

Some prominent boxing people claim that TV will eventually destroy boxing because it takes everything out of the sport without making any contribution to it's longevity.

In recent years closed-circuit television has grown into a multi-million dollar business and we would implore those TV promoters and producers to recognize their responsibility to professional boxing and in so doing make a contribution to maintain the small clubs and gymnasiums which are so vital in the life and well being of our sport.

I am convinced that boxing will be a better sport when its officials put aside personal animosity, petty jealousies and personal ambitions and dedicate themselves to honesty, decency and fair play in making decisions that effect the whole boxing world.

This administration of the World Boxing Association will face every problem and responsibility squarely and without partiality. No person, or group of persons will receive

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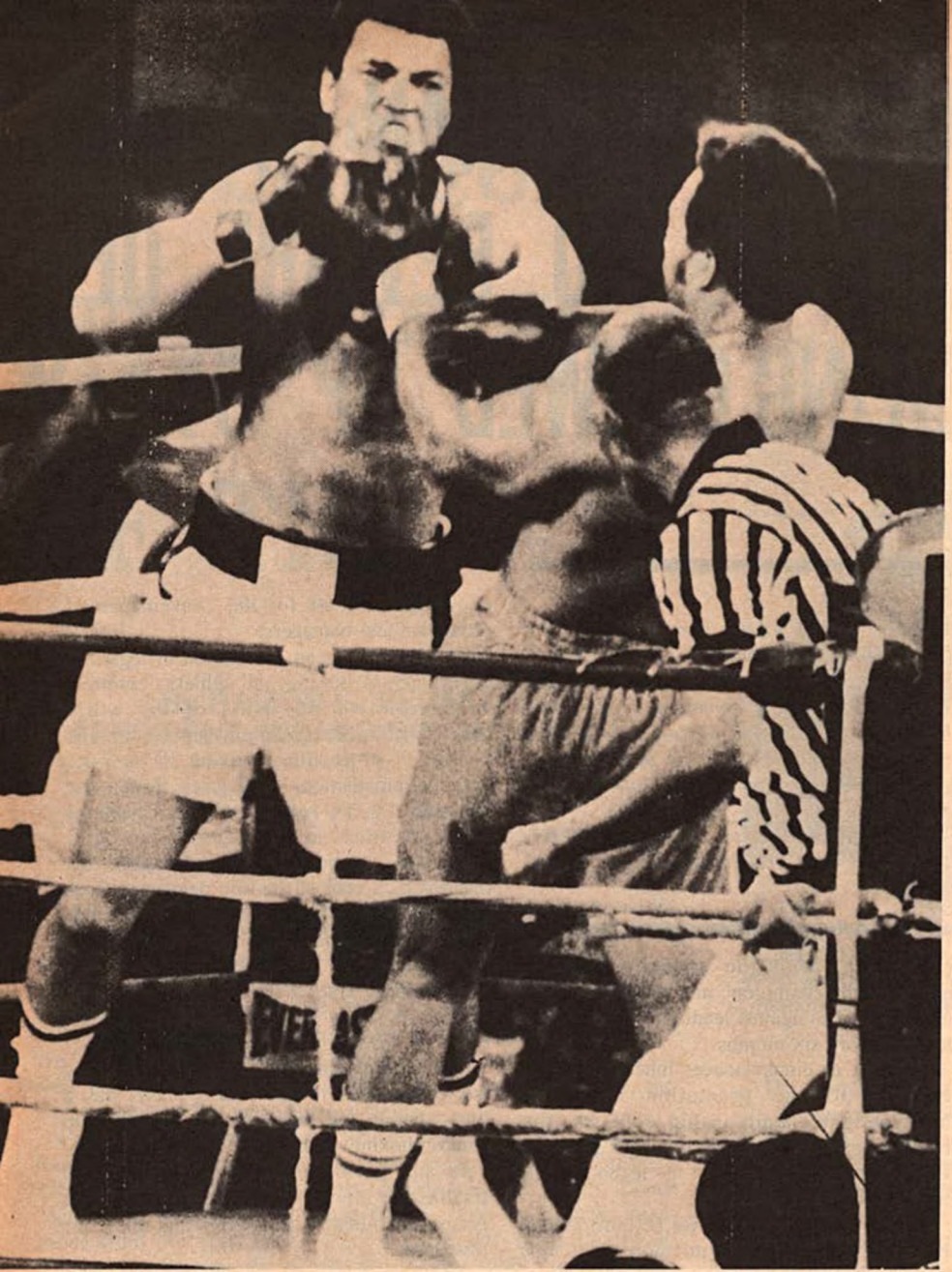

Here we see Muhammad Ali coming off ropes to slip a left jab past the guard of George Foreman in the first round of their Kinshasa battle.

ALI'S ROPE TRICK NOTHING NEW

By LESTER BROMBERG

OVERNIGHT Muhammad Ali sprang a rope trick as baffling as any ever sprung by an Indian fakir. And George Foreman, trapped as anybody tranfixed by the whine of the pipes and the stare of the beady-eyed snake, eventually fell over. The end was his rude awakening as former heavyweight champion—and Ali's song of joy at paradise regained.

The name of the game was rope-fighting. To Ali, it was a new gimmick, born of the ingenuity of his 32 years of age and 14 years in the ring.

To students of ye olde art of the fistic it was nothing new. It was the best dodge of the game, a way of fighting to let the other fellow burn up energy while you look for a spot to unleash your punching power economically.

The cream of the jest was the fact that Ali really didn't have to look very far. It didn't go out of the Foreman corner. He merely imitated the old mongoose, better known as Archie Moore. Yes, rope-fighting and elbow-fighting were the mark of the old light heavyweight champion. Literally, this was one trick out of a mighty volume stored up by the gray, old Merlin of the ring. Why and how Moore did not recognize the creature of his own making—and rush for an antidote—no one has yet learned. It may cost him his job.

Closed circuit television watchers saw the danger to Foreman rather quickly. And they called it. Then they recalled the countless masters of the old art, who they had seen time and again.

Tex Sullivan, portly veteran publicist who has lived through a Cinderella story of his own with Jim Braddock as a 10-1 winning shot against Max Baer, saw another figure on the screen.

He saw one of his former fighters, Lee Oma, pulling skillfully adroit antics of his own.

"Oma used to get his mail on the ropes," chuckled Sullivan, "he had to, he generally wasn't in shape to move around the ring."

Don't misunderstand. Lee Oma, or Frank Cajewski, his real name, was a fairly trim heavyweight with a handsome profile and a pompadour shock of jet black hair. And Lee had his way of fighting on a dime, with three cents' change.

Some of the old-time fans called Oma a clown. "They were just

(Above) Lee Oma, a heavyweight whose specialty was fighting on the ropes. (Below) Johnny Dundee, an all-time great feather, who also used the ropes to great advantage.

Lou Ambers, shown wearing the lightweight crown, was an expert in the art of fighting with his back against the strands.

jealous," said Sullivan, "Lee knew what he was doing." He was tall and he leaned back against the ropes. Sometimes he went halfway outside. He kept sure of only one thing; they never were in position to reach him solidly.

He kept a sharp eye as to what was going on. He looked like a sparrow, pecking and watching one step ahead as the lunging, somewhat confused, opponent tried to get at him.

Then soon as the other guy relaxed, Oma would begin punching. He might start with a left poking the other guy and suddenly he would break loose with a stinging right hand. And, by the time Mr. Opponent would be adjusted, Lee would reach out and clutch him with a tough, hard clutch. Lee would turn away by this time so that there would be only a quarter of his face to hit against, if that.

He was always winning fights when he figured to lose them.

"There was one night against Joe Baksi," recounted Sullivan. "Baksi was a big, powerful guy they kept calling a modern Jim Jeffries.

"Oma surprised us by coming in in shape. He darted this way and that and finally settled down in the corners. Baksi never found him."

Possibly the best night Oma ever had was against Gus Lesnevich, then the light heavyweight champion.

"Funny thing," Sullivan said, "Oma didn't go to fights, he was too busy dating show girls, beautiful, good-looking dames. And I don't think he ever looked at a sports page unless it had Oma in big letters on it. As a result, he didn't know one fighter from another."

He started the old routine against Lesnevich—and it worked.

"He came back to the corner and he was screaming. He was yelling, 'Why didn't you let me in on this?'

"It was the same the next round. He was

Tex Sullivan, former manager and promoter, who piloted Oma.

hollering, 'you burglars, you got down a good bet and left me out in the cold.' He was so steamed he worked harder than he usually did with his left. He cut up Gus and stopped him in the sixth round.

"It was probably the only TKO against Lesnevich until he lost to Ezzard Charles."

Sullivan's mention of Charles was typical of Oma. . . Charles was a lithe, quick-handed boxer who had become heavyweight champion by beating everybody. He had won from Jersey Joe Walcott, Pat Valentino, Joe Louis (coming back) among others and then he took on Oma.

This writer had pleasure to catch this one at the old Garden. Lee was in shape. Even he knew he was in with the champion.

After about seven rounds it would have to

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Lovell's Great Trouble -- They Won't Fight Him

By JAMES F. CLINGER II

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. — Willie Ketchum, Los Angeles manager, should not have a worry in the world. After some 50 years in the fight game he has finally found a fighter who should become a heavyweight contender. There is however, one difficulty. Few managers are willing to allow their charges to meet Pedro Lovell.

Lovell has met 15 fighters in his career and all but one of these has fallen to a defeat by knockout. Most of his opponents have been knocked out in the first round and, in addition, two have suffered broken jaws.

Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on June 8, 1945, he is the son of Alberto Santiago Lovell who, from 1932 to 1939, met and defeated most of the best competition his manager could lure into the ring with him.

An uncle, Guillermo, was a noted boxer in his own country and won 95 of his 100 fights. Pedro's brother, also named Alberto, is a hard punching heavyweight but has a "glass chin," having lost via the knockout route in seven of 33 starts.

Pedro is unusual for a fighter. He is a college graduate and holder of a teacher's certificate and has studied medicine for two years. He is not the son of a poor family and he has not been in trouble with the police. In fact, 90% of his friends are policemen. Most important of all he has the speed of a lightweight, the ability to "cut off" his opponent and that punch.

This happy, intelligent, healthy student of boxing lives in the San Fernando Valley section of Los Angeles with his wife, mother and daughter. He has another child "on the way" and hopes to have a son.

While he was attending college, Pedro often thought of the stories his father had told him of the United States. He had the de-

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Mike Rossman's arm is raised in victory by his dad, Jimmy DePiano, who manages him.

Rossman playfully taps ex-middleweight king Joey Giardello on the chin.

JEWISH MIDDLEWEIGHT ROSSMAN REVIVES MEMORIES OF ROSS

By ANDREW AND JAY ROSSMAN

TURNERSVILLE, N.J. — There appears to be on the boxing horizon the emergence of a budding young Jewish star which is very unusual in today's world of roughies and toughies, Mike Rossman known to the public as "The Jewish Jolter" is one of the most explosive and exciting boxers since the days of Barney Ross.

Young Rossman, a Washington Township High School star, is moving at a rapid pace and causing many fans to take note. In his four appearances at Madison Square Garden he has clearly demonstrated the class and experience of a veteran. His decisive wins have made him the talk of the boxing world and he is rapidly becoming a magnet at the gate.

This stylish puncher is now getting offers from promoters from every corner of the globe. Rossman has an unblemished record, undefeated in 17 professional fights. Despite the fact that the competition is getting tougher, Mike continues to win with such graceful ease that he becomes pretty to watch. He has been so spectacular at Madison Square Garden that he is already tentatively penciled in for several dates.

It is inevitable that if Rossman continues his winning ways, and there is every indication that this young star will continue to win, he will mature into a great fighter.

Rossman is a clever boxer-puncher who goes about his business as a conductor leading the orchestra with the precise movement of the baton, knowing full well that he is the master in control.

Mike is a very refreshing athlete, looking more like an actor than a boxer and performing his chore with an obvious authoritative style combining the mental and physical in perfect harmony. He reminds you of a quarterback looking over the defense and then calling the play that will score.

There is little question that Rossman will reach the heights and this young man will be deserving of whatever rewards boxing offers because he is so willing to box exhibitions for charity. Recently he boxed at his high school so it could realize some monies to build a recreation center so other young boys will have a chance to develop in a healthy manner.

In his exhibition with former middleweight champion of the world Joey Giardello, the referee was awed by the composure and poise of Rossman.

"This boy is one of the best middleweights around."

Rossman has been the recipient of many letters from prominent business people from all walks of life. Young Mike takes time to answer all his fan mail and is very appreciative of any acknowledgement that he receives.

Rossman will be an inspiration for other young jewish athletes to try their hand at boxing. Mike trains at the Pro-Am Gym at Camden, N.J. and because of his presence, the gym is starting to attract a lot of young boys. There is no doubt that the Pro-Am Gym will develop many other good fighters. The gym is under the watchful eye of Mike's father Jimmy DePiano, (Mike's mother is Jewish), Charlie Galotta, a well known New York trainer who is responsible for the careers of many good fighters, and Carmen Graziano, who handled such fighters as Giardello and the late Wallace (Bud) Smith.

Mike's dad, Jimmy, has always been a boxing enthusiast and has managed such good fighters as Slim Robinson, Dave Bailey and many others.

His ambition in life was to pilot a champion. After many years of futile searching he was somewhat frustrated. He went through many boxers trying to find a talent that could reach championship calibre. Just about when he was ready to give up, he found right under his own roof the boy he was so desperately looking for, so

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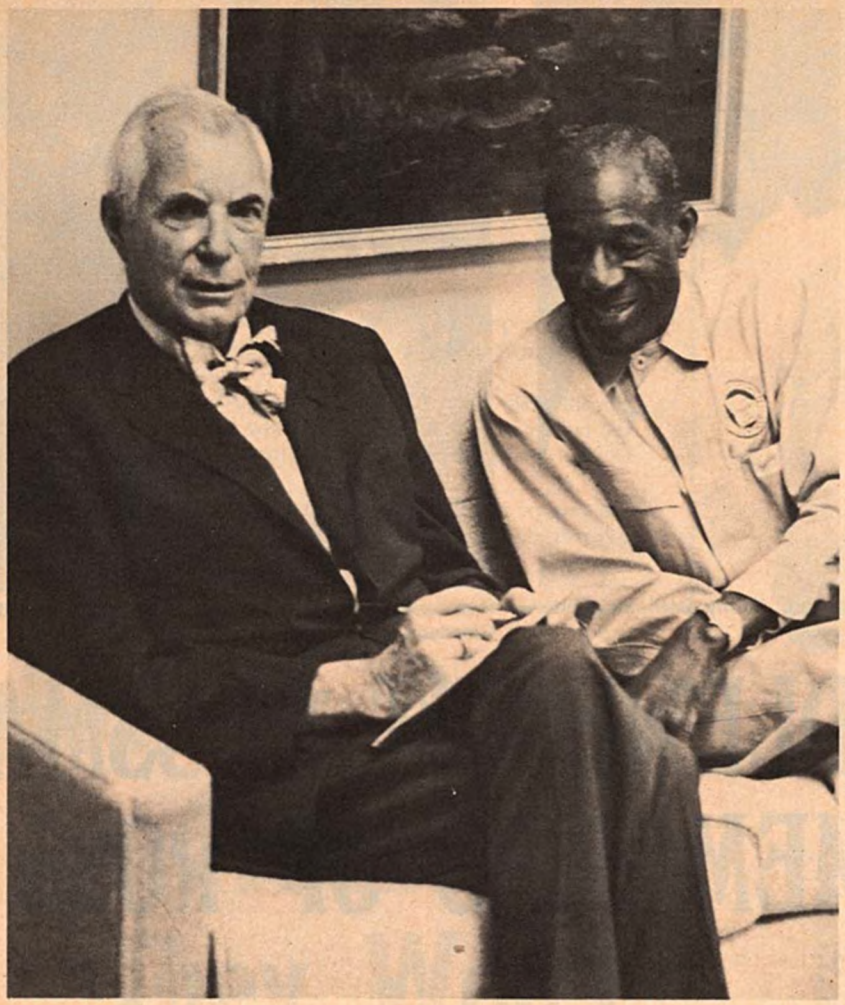


Jimmy Jones (left) interviews Willie Floyd Evans, who was Young Stribling's sparring partner in the 1930's.

THOSE GOOD OLD STRIBLING DAYS

By JIMMY JONES

(The following is an interview with old-time Macon boxer Willie Floyd Evans, written by Jimmy Jones, author of "King of the Canebrakes", biography of W. L. (Young) Stribling, and former sports editor of The Telegraph.)

MACON, GA.—Fearless Floyd Evans can remember when Macon was the boxing center of the Southeast and one of the very best in the country. His memory still keen at 61 years, Floyd is one of the few living men in Macon who was a sparring mate of the town's one-time boxing idol and golden boy, the late W. L. (Young) Stribling, who died as a result of an auto accident in October, 1933.

P. A. McArthur, veteran health director at the Macon Health Center, said in a talk to a luncheon which the writer attended recently that Stribling, with proper management and training, could easily have been heavyweight champion of the world.

Willie Evans, who has been employed as a janitor at Macon's Division Office of Georgia Power Co. for over 30 years, and has a gold watch to prove it, fought professionally as a middleweight in Macon in the 1930's. This was the time of both Stribling boys, W. L. and Babe, Honeyboy Snipes, Kid Scobey, Tony Briscoe, Battling Bozo, Jimmy Powell, "Ears" Barfield, Postal Pirkle, Johnny Lamb, Tommy Jones, Claude "Scrap Iron" Green, Battling Mimms, Tiger Flowers, S. W. (Lefty) Allen, later a Macon policeman, J. W. Lewis, Jimmy Howard, Johnny Franks, Christy Holmes, Alfred Singleton, Buddy Mercer and many other good fighters.

"Kid" Evans fought mainly eight-round semi-windups on Stribling's shows at the old city auditorium. Promoters in those days were Johnny Lamb and Charley Morgan; Referees were J. B. Davis and Clint Brantley, and Bill Shamis was matchmaker for the Joseph N. Neel Legion Post which sponsored the matches.

"I quit boxing to join the Army and when I came back in the 1940's, most of my old friends had died or retired so I got this job with Georgia Power and went to work," said Floyd.

Two Georgia Power officials, W. J. (Jack) Baynes, Jr., and Francis Clark, will tell you that the ex-boxer has made a popular employee. The Kid loves to talk about the great old days when he has a few moments of leisure and proudly shows some photos and tattered clippings of the era.

Pro boxing actually didn't die here until the 1950's. Aubrey Allen, Clark Bragg, Milt Wallace and Leroy Farrell can tell you of boys like D. T. Bell, Bearcat (Stomp) Jackson, Jackie Cranford, Hal Meredith, Ralph Pearson, Al (Kid) McCoy, who once fought Jake La Motta, Grady Favors, Speedy Spears, Dave Meredith, Kid Bailey and other good ones.

Other promoters included Pa Stribling, Cleve Roby and W. W. Grant. Now the only boxers hereabouts are amateurs and people like the Bibb County Jaycees and Gene Colson, formerly of Warner Robins, now of Fitzgerald, are sponsoring Golden Glove shows which show promise.

ANTUOFERMO UPSETS GRIFFITH BUT THE RING REPORTER SEES OFFICIAL SCORES TOO SEVERE

By SAM TAUB

BOXING reporters often are puzzled when it comes to picking the feature of a fight. Is it the defeat of the favorite, or the victory of the upsetter?

In the case at hand, we find Emile Griffith, former welter and middleweight champion in a career extending over 17 years, the loser, and Vito Antuofermo, native of Bari, Italy, now based in Brooklyn, the surprising winner.

It all happened in a ten-round bout in Madison Square Garden, and it upset a lot of applecarts, one of which carried Griffith's hopes for another crack at the middleweight championship and all of the goodies going with that fight.

Surprise it was, from start to finish, with the two judges and the referee, Tony Perez, voting strongly for Antuofermo.

There was no question as to who had won. There was doubt about the margin of the victory. There were evidences galore that the once great Emile Griffith, 35, out of the Virgin Isles, had lost it. And there was no doubt about Vito's having come up.

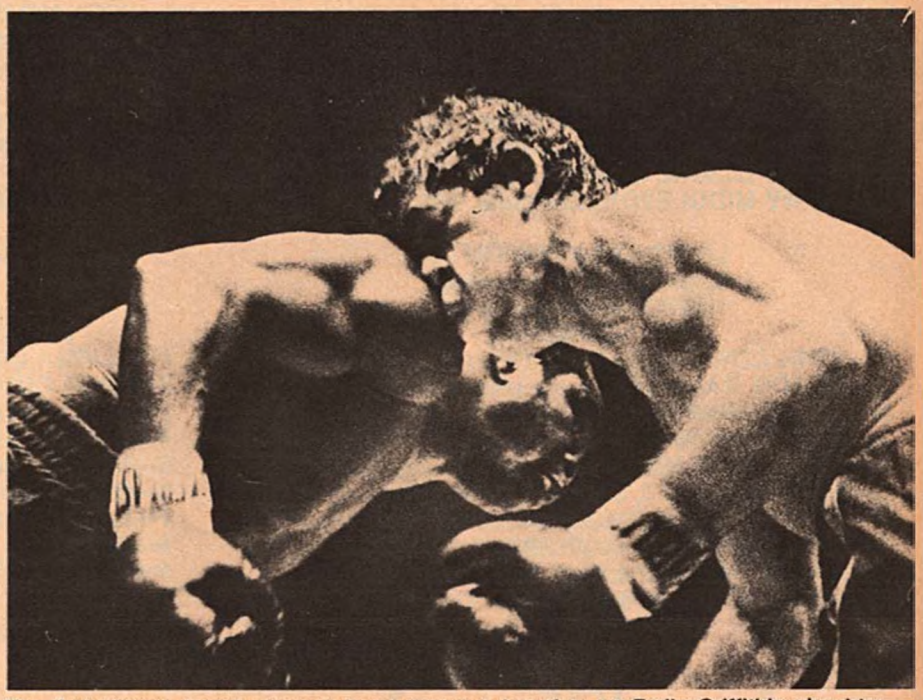
Report has it that Carlos Monzon, the middleweight champion of the world, wants to close his career with a fight in Madison Square Garden. We hope we see him there. But it certainly will not be against Griffith, who figured to be in the running when he beat Bennie Briscoe, but now is finished as a title contender.

The extent of the official beating suffered by Griffith is indicated by the figures on the three cards handed out for State Athletic Commission and reporter examination after the fight — Referee Tony Perez, 6-3-1; judge Al Reid, 7-2-1; judge Harold Lederman, 8-2. The gate was $58,796.50 and the paid attendance, 5,755.

There was no doubt, judging by the attendance, that several thousand fans were fooled into believing that a Griffith victory was a sure thing and it was too cold a night to waste on a cinch. Well, they must be kicking themselves. Antuofermo won, but it was a fight.

Personally, I did not believe that Griffith took the beating the three cards indicated.

True, he was not the Griffith of yore but there were flashes of the old champion and he was dangerous and formidable.



Vito Antuofermo (right) appears to be taking a breather on Emile Griffith's shoulder during their 10-round contest at Madison Square Garden. Antuofermo won a unanimous decision but The Ring reporter feels the official cards were too harsh with Emile.

In short, the writer believes that he got a bad score from the judges and the referees and that he deserved a better reckoning.

Now, then, how did all of this come to pass? How come that Emile was even in grave jeopardy of losing? And lose he did.

It looked bad at the start for Vito as Griffith ripped open cut over Antuofermo's left eye and it bled freely. Good corner work by Vito's handlers, especially veteran cornerman Artie Curley, did a good job in patching it up. But the first two rounds had the ex-king in front.

The crowd was pro-Vito and kept chanting his name throughout in roaring fashion. It's true that Griffith started to slow up in the sixth round but he managed to do his share to make it a scrap. The man from Bari, a strong youngster, whose last start in the Garden was a clean-cut win over Denny Moyer, still has a long way to go but he kept plugging away and managed to get in several damaging blows. But it was far from being one-sided, regardless of how the officials voted.

The thrill bout of the night was the eight round semi-windup between a pair of unbeaten middleweights, Mike Rossman, of Turnersville, N.J., 160, and John Pinney, Springfield, Mo., 161. This brought back memories of ye olden days and must have thrilled Rocky Graziana, the ex-middleweight king, who was present and got the best hand of the night when introduced.

Rossman, 19, and Pinney, 22, turned in a real performance. Not only did Rossman win the first two rounds but he also had scored an eight-second knockdown in round two, a left and right to the jaw almost finishing it. Not only that but Pinney came back to win rounds three and four. Then Rossman again nailed his willing foe with a left and right to the jaw. There was another eight count as a result of another left-right combo to the chin, then referee Herbie Kronowitz stepped in to halt it with 1:29 of the fifth round gone. The fight was a real Donnybrook between two promising youngsters.

There were two six-round preliminaries and a pair of four spots as well. Julio Valdez, from the Dominican Republic, 131,

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WORLD RATINGS

By NAT LOUBET

RATING FOR THE MONTH ENDING DECEMBER 15, 1974

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
MUHAMMAD ALI (CASSIUS CLAY), Chicago, Ill.
1—**GEORGE FOREMAN,** Hayward, Calif.
2—**JOE FRAZIER,** Philadelphia, Pa.
3—**RON LYLE,** Denver, Colo.
4—**OSCAR BONAVENA,** Argentina
5—**JOE BUGNER,** England
6—**KEN NORTON,** San Diego, Calif.
7—**JERRY QUARRY,** Los Angeles, Calif.
8—**CHUCK WEPNER,** Bayonne, N.J.
9—**HENRY CLARK,** San Francisco, Calif.
10—**LARRY MIDDLETON,** Baltimore, Md.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT
1—**JOHN CONTEH,** England
2—**VICTOR GALINDEZ,** Argentina
3—**LEN HUTCHINS,** Detroit, Mich.
4—**JORGE AHUMADA,** Argentina
5—**KARL HEINZ KLEIN,** Germany
6—**ALVARO LOPEZ,** Stockton, Calif.
7—**RICHIE KATES,** Philadelphia, Pa.
8—**PIERRE FOURIE,** South Africa
9—**MAXIE SMITH,** England
10—**TOM BOGS,** Denmark

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
CARLOS MONZON, Argentina
1—**RODRIGO VALDEZ,** Colombia
2—**TONY LICATA,** New Orleans, La.
3—**VITO ANTUOFERMO,** Brooklyn, N.Y.
4—**GRATIEN TONNA,** Franc
5—**KEVIN FINNEGAN,** England
6—**GEORGE COOPER,** Oakland, Calif.
7—**TONY MUNDINE,** Australia
8—**BENNIE BRISCOE,** Philadelphia, Pa.
9—**EMILE GRIFFITH,** New York, N.Y.
10—**BOBBY WATTS,** Philadelphia, Pa.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
OSCAR ALVARADO, Uvalde, Texas
1—**ELISHA OBED,** Nassau, Bahamas
3—**JOSE DURAN,** Spain
3—**KOICHI WAJIMA,** Japan
4—**MIGUEL ANGEL CAMPANINO,** Argentina
5—**MIGUEL de OLIVIERA,** Brazil
6—**ECKHARD DAGGE,** Germany
7—**LARRY PAUL,** England
8—**CHARKEY RAMON,** Australia
9—**DONATO PADUANO,** Canada
10—**MIGUEL CASTELLINI,** Argentina

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
JOSE NAPOLES, Mexico
1—**CLYDE GRAY,** Canada
2—**ANGEL ESPADA,** Puerto Rico
3—**JOHN STRACEY,** England
4—**FAUSTO RODRIGUEZ,** Dominican Rep.
5—**ROCKY MATTIOLI,** Australia
6—**HEDGEMON LEWIS,** Detroit, Mich.
7—**JOHNNY GANT,** Washington, D.C.
8—**ARMANDO MUNIZ,** Los Angeles, Calif.
9—**BRUNO ARCARI,** Italy
10—**SANDY TORRES,** Puerto Rico

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ANTONIO CERVANTES, Colombia
1—**HECTOR THOMPSON,** Australia
2—**ESTEBAN DeJESUS,** Puerto Rico
3—**PEDRO FERNANDEZ,** Spain
4—**TONY PETRONELLI,** Taunton, Mass.
5—**MONROE BROOKS,** Los Angeles, Calif.
6—**TONI ORTIZ,** Spain
7—**EMILIANO VILLA,** Colombia
8—**LEONCIO ORTIZ,** Mexico
9—**BROOKS BYRD,** Clovis, N.M.
10—**MIGUEL BARRETO,** Puerto Rico

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ROBERTO DURAN, Spain
1—**RAY LAMPKIN,** Portland, Ore.
2—**ANGEL MAYORAL,** Las Vegas, Nev.
3—**KEN BUCHANAN,** Scotland
4—**HUGO GUTIERREZ,** Argentina
5—**RUDY BARRO,** Philippines
6—**ISHIMATSU SUZUKI,** Japan
7—**ARTURO PINEDA,** Mexico
8—**RAY LUNNY III,** San Francisco, Calif.
9—**HUGO BARRAZA,** Colombia
10—**MIGUEL MAYAN,** San Diego, Calif.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
BEN VILLAFLOR, Philippines
1—**KUNIAKI SHIBATA,** Japan
2—**SVEN-ERIK PAULSEN,** Norway
3—**TYRONE EVERETT,** Philadelphia, Pa.
4—**VICTOR ECHEGARAY,** Argentina
5—**LOTHAR ABEND,** Germany
6—**SAMUEL SERRANO,** Puerto Rico
7—**JEAN-BAPTISTE PIEDVACHE,** France
8—**ALFREDO ESCALERA,** Puerto Rico
9—**APOLLO YOSHIO,** Japan
10—**PEDRO AGUERO,** Argentina

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT
1—**BOBBY CHACON,** Los Angeles, Calif.
2—**ALEX ARGUELLO,** Nicaragua
3—**LIONEL HERNANDEZ,** Venezuela
4—**ALFREDO MARCANO,** Venezuela
5—**ART HAFEY,** Canada
6—**RUBEN OLIVARES,** Mexico
7—**SHIG FUKUYAMA,** Japan
8—**ANTONIO (GITANO) JIMINEZ,** Spain
9—**EDER JOFRE,** Brazil
10—**ROYAL KOBAYASHI,** Japan

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
SOO HWAN HONG, Korea
1—**BENICIO SOSA,** Argentina
2—**RAFAEL HERRERA,** Mexico
3—**ROMEO ANAYA,** Mexico
4—**RODOLFO MARTINEZ,** Mexico
5—**JOSE CASAS,** Argentina
6—**ARNOLD TAYLOR,** South Africa
7—**DAVID VASQUEZ,** New York, N.Y.
8—**ALFONSO ZAMORA,** Mexico
9—**PAUL FERRERI,** Australia
10—**JOSE LUIS SOTO,** Mexico

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT
1—**MIGUEL CANTO,** Mexico
2—**SHOJI OGUMA,** Japan
3—**THANOMJIT SUKOTHAI,** Thailand
4—**BETULIO GONZALEZ,** Venezuela
5—**SUSUMU HANAGATA,** Japan
6—**VICENTE POOL,** Mexico
7—**ERBITO SALVARRIA,** Philippines
8—**INGNACIO ESPINOZA,** Dominican Rep.
9—**FRITZ CHERVET,** Switzerland
10—**CECIL ESCOBIDO,** Philippines

JOE BUGNER FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

GOING over the ratings of the fighters of the world we find that once again there are no fewer than three vacant championships.

There are no world leaders in the light heavyweight, feather and flyweight classes.

This may be blamed on the fact that the WBA and WBC, in their unrelenting rivalry, will not match their rivals for the open titles.

The light heavy championship, left open by the retirement of Bob Foster, has had John Conteh and Jorge Ahumada fighting it out for the open title and the Briton won. The WBC then named Conteh Foster's successor.

The WBA has Victor Galindez, Argentine, and Len Hutchins matched for its version of the title.

In the featherweight class, Bobby Chacon and Alex Arguello are 1 and 2 for the title but there is no indication that we are going to see them battle each other for the title until, and if, they get very hungry. That situation is extremely ridiculous.

In the flyweight class, which, incidentally, has been abolished by Great Britain, leaving John McCluskey in permanent possession of the championship and the Lonsdale Belt, Miguel Canto, Mexico, and Shoji Oguma, Japan, are the 1-2 rivals for the championship.

The flys, who were so popular in the days of the great Jimmy Wilde, are a dying race. They are outstanding in countries with a lot of good little men and there seem to be none of those in the United States.

More than ever is this a country of keen heavyweight interest. The Ali-Foreman fight once again demonstrated that.

The Fighter of the Month laurels have been assigned to Joe Bugner, of England, the champion of Europe and the Commonwealth.

Bugner landed the distinction by beating Jimmy Ellis.

This was not what might be called a classic. Ellis did not distinguish himself.

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PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

Name	Pro Debut	Total Bouts	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's
HEAVYWEIGHT						
Rick Wynn Attleboro, Mass.	6/74	6	6	0	0	5
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT						
Chris Elliott Dublin, Ireland	8/74	6	6	0	0	4
MIDDLEWEIGHT						
Chris Black New York, N.Y.	10/72	10	8	1	1	5
WELTERWEIGHT						
Steve Toomey Waterbury, Conn.	2/74	7	5	1	1	3
LIGHTWEIGHT						
Ezequiel Sanchez Dominican Rep.	3/73	9	9	0	0	2
FEATHERWEIGHT						
Alfonso Evans Philadelphia, Pa.	2/74	5	5	0	0	0
BANTAMWEIGHT						
Rufino Hernandez Los Angeles, Calif.	9/74	3	3	0	0	1
FLYWEIGHT						
Juanito Herrera Colombia	7/73	11	10	0	1	7

JOHN H. STRACEY: SELF-CONFIDENT

DETERMINED,

By RON OLVER

LONDON, ENGLAND — That fateful day in March 1972 when British and Commonwealth welterweight champion Ralph Charles was knocked out by Jose Napoles in a world title fight at Wembley was one which his stablemate, John H. Stracey, is never likely to forget.

Consoling his pal as best he could, John said, "Never mind, Ralph. One of these days I'll avenge that defeat for you and win the world title."

This might have seemed a little ambitious, perhaps even a little presumptuous on John's part, for he was only 21, and had been a professional for just over two years.

Yet today Stracey is near to making good his promise. Recently he knocked the daylights out of Frenchman Roger Menetrey in Paris to annex the European crown, and can now justifiably call himself a leading contender for the world title, still held by Ralph's conqueror, Jose Napoles.

After the Menetrey fight, John's manager Terry Lawless told me:

"The last 12 months I've seen a vast improvement in John. He's developed polish. He's gotten stronger and also more confident."

Was there something special about Stracey that made Terry sign him? "Yes, indeed. John's a 'dream' fighter," Terry replied. "I saw most of his amateur fights, and was impressed not only with his ability, but with the way he always seemed to finish unmarked.

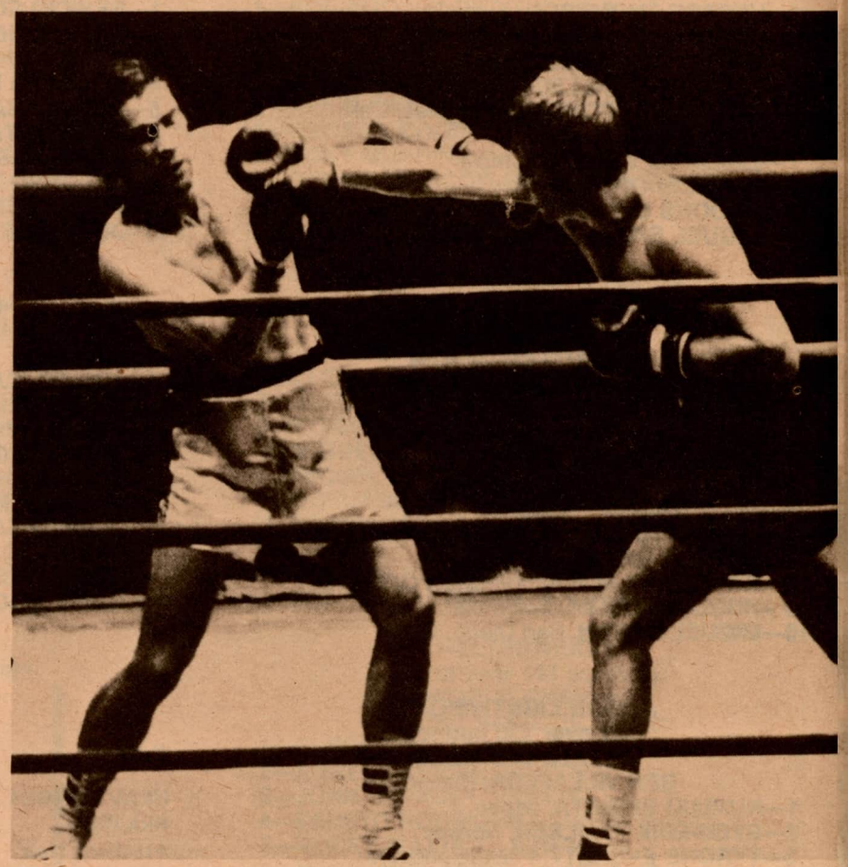
"His reflexes were fantastic. He avoided punches, taking them on his arms and shoulders by slight movements of his body, just like the old scientific boxers used to do, men like Len Harvey, Nel Tarleton, etc.

"I was so amazed that I filmed him in action, and we played back these contests in slow motion. Johnny's skills could then be really appreciated."

As a youngster, Johnny enjoyed most sports. He won championships in swimming and diving. As a soccer player, he had a trial with Millwall F.C., but most of all he loved his boxing.

Title after title came his way — National Schools, National Junior (twice) before he became a Senior. The youngest of four brothers, John joined the Repton B.C. at nine years of age, and was only 17 when the British Amateur Boxing Association Championships of 1968 were in their qualifying stages.

John was then a lightweight, and, in the semi-finals, came up against a Scot named Jim Watt, who proceeded to knock him out with a short right in 45 seconds.



Britain's John H. Stracey lands a long right to the chin of France's Roger Menetrey during their European welterweight championship contest in Paris on May 27, 1974. Stracey became the titleholder by scoring a TKO in the eighth round.

This was adding insult to injury, for John had already lost his civilian job through taking time off when he beat reigning champion Terry Waller for the London title.

But fortune favours the brave, and when Watt went on to win the British title but had to withdraw from the Mexico Olympics through weight trouble, Stracey was selected after all. Great news, especially for his father, Dave Stracey, who has seen practically every fight, amateur and pro.

The day before the Olympic team flew out to Mexico, John celebrated his 18th birthday, and he had taken part in exactly 100 contests.

No story-book ending, unfortunately. He had the bad luck to be drawn against American star Ron Harris in the Second Series, and was beaten. Harris went on to win the Gold.

Undaunted, John won the British ABA light welterweight title the following year, then turned professional.

His progress was so rapid that he won all but one of his first 14 bouts inside schedule, and it wasn't until 1971 that American Frankie Lewis broke the sequence by getting a draw.

There followed five more quick wins. That was the situation on the night Charles met Napoles for the world crown. Also managed by Terry Lawless, Ralph has been able to pass on a lot of good advice, and the two had become great friends.

Charles never fought again, although he did take a long time to make up his mind.

Stracey holds the award given him by the British Boxing Writers Club as "Best Young Boxer of 1972." With him is Larry Gains, the old Canadian heavyweight, who received a trophy for his services to boxing.

When he did, the path was clear for John to try and win Ralph's British title.

First he stopped Les Pearson in two rounds in a final eliminator, and was then matched with Bobby Arthur for the vacant title.

This turned out to be one of the most controversial championship bouts in recent years and is still being talked about.

Stracey was favoured to win, and looked supremely confident as he went forward, Arthur being content to back-pedal and counter whenever he was able. Then in the seventh round, Stracey threw a left hand, and down went Arthur.

Pandemonium reigned. Referee James Brimmell looked as if he was motioning Arthur to get up, but he remained down. Then it appeared as if the referee had counted him out.

Arthur's supporters were appealing that the punch had been low.

With Stracey fans congratulating him, the official verdict was announced — John had been disqualified for allegedly hitting on the break. This was a contingency that hadn't even sprung to mind, but it was the official decision and there is no precedent for altering a decision in British boxing.

All John could do was to sweat it out until the British Boxing Board of Control decided what action (if any) they would take. What they did was to warn Stracey not to hit on the break in the future, pay him his purse in full and order a rematch.

So seven months later, John and Bobby again entered the ring at the Royal Albert Hall, and this time the former made no mistakes.

Arthur showed up well in the early stages, counterpunching neatly on the retreat, and John, invariably a slow starter, taking time to settle.

Then came the 59th second of the fourth round. Arthur took a couple of tentative lefts, made as if to throw his own left jab, but was caught with a devastating right to the jaw.

Stracey, wearing the Lord Lonsdale Belt, holds the European Championship Belt.

It was one of the neatest, sweetest punches you could ever wish to see. Unfortunately for Arthur, he didn't. Instead he crashed backwards to the canvas, and was "out" long after "ten" had been counted.

The referee was Wally Thom, and sitting beside me at ringside was Peter Waterman. Both had held this particular title with honour, and it must have been gratifying to them to see it won with such a fine punch, and by such a worthy successor.

Last year was a peculiar one for Stracey, in that Arthur was his only British opponent. His other victims were Otho Tyson, Danny McAloon, Jose Peterson, Irish Pat Murphy, Jose Melendez, Urban Baptiste and Marc Gervais.

Last December, John was beaten by American Cuby (Top Cat) Jackson, the bout being stopped because of an eye injury sustained by Stracey, when he was winning comfortably.

Manager Lawless had guided John to the point where he considered him ready for the top men. So this year over came rated Americans Jack Tillman and Vern Mason. Both fell in four rounds, Mason by a clean knockout.

So to John's European title fight with champion Roger Menetrey, rated at that time next to Hedgemon Lewis on the list of contenders for Jose Napoles' world crown.

Nothing had been left to chance. Manager

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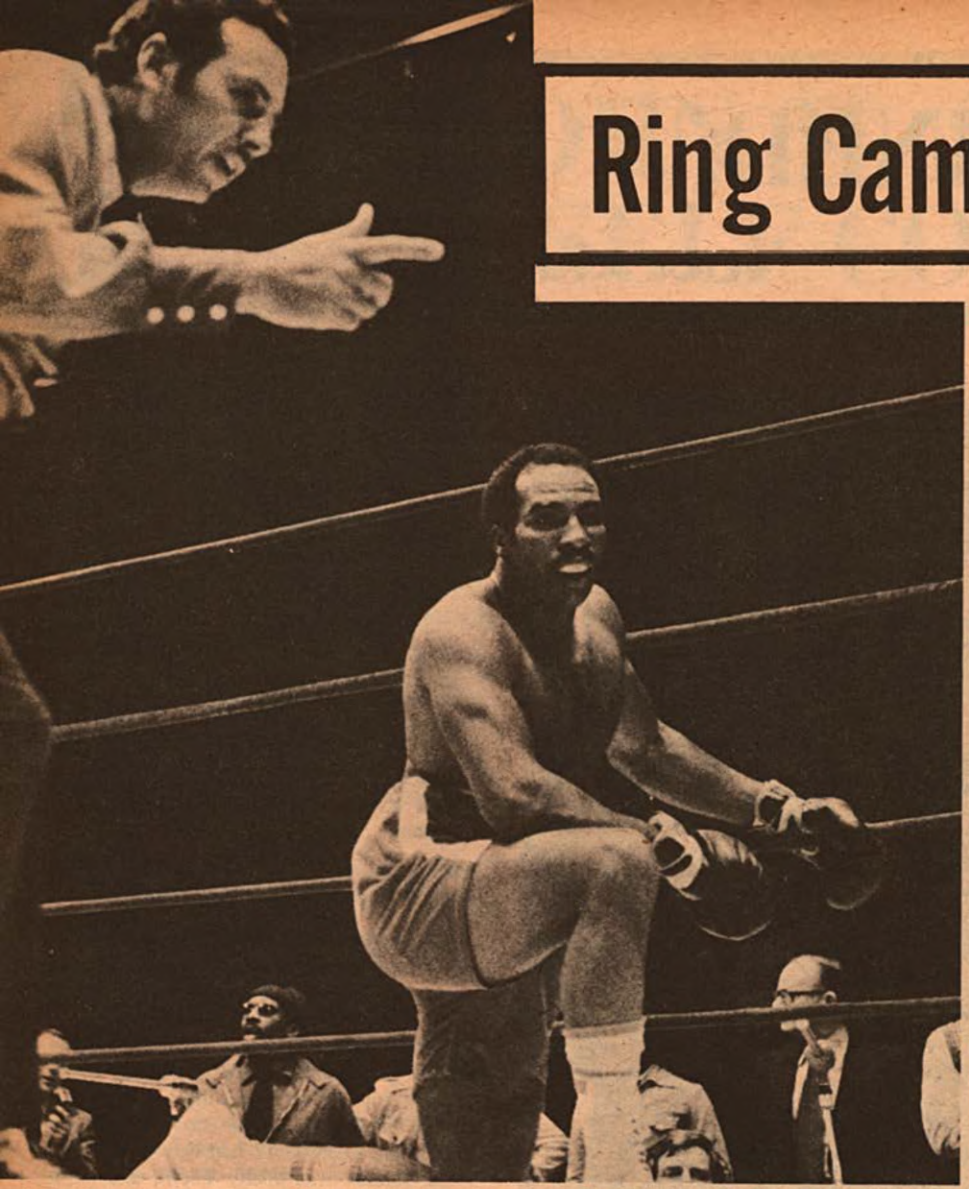
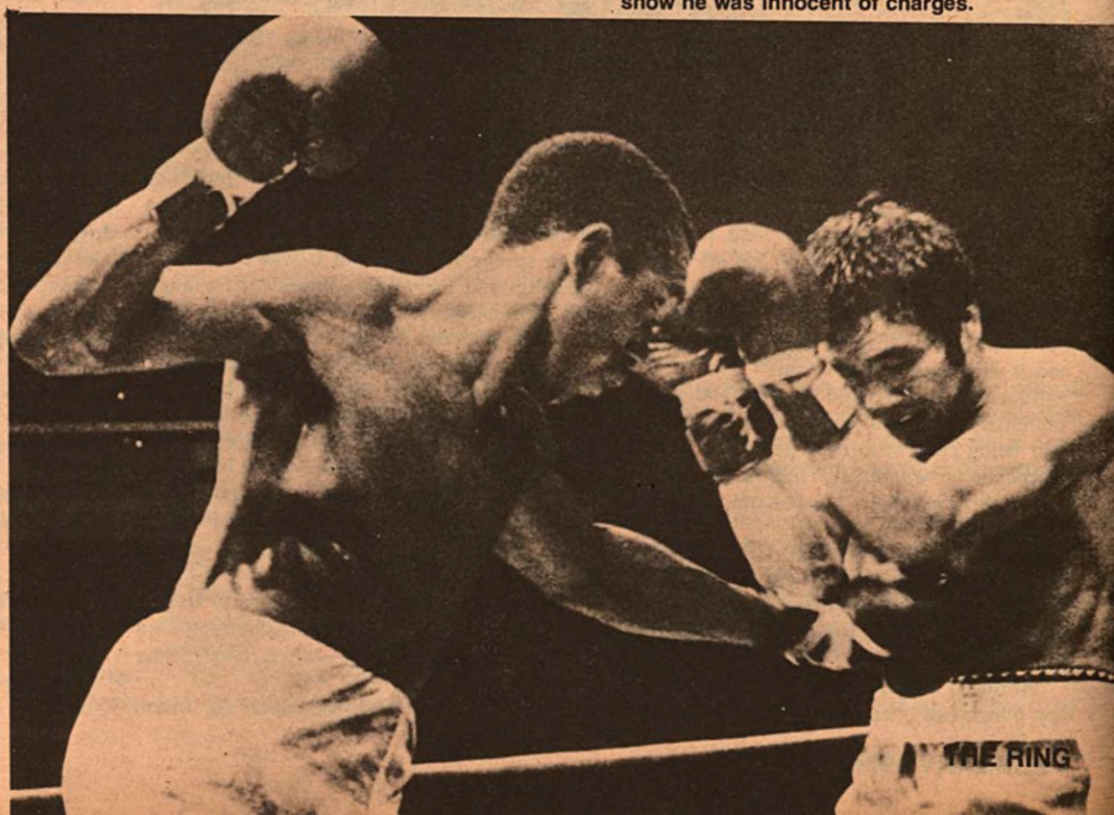
Ring Camera Clicks



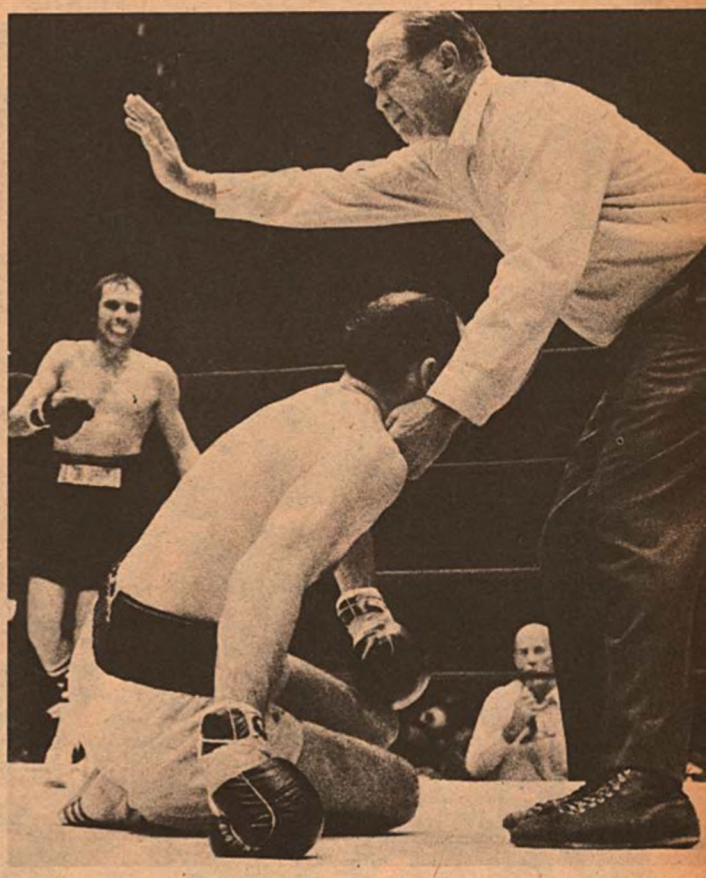
Rubin (Hurricane) Carter, former middleweight contender, talks to newsmen while handcuffed outside courthouse in Jersey City, N.J. Carter, in prison for murder since 1966 trial, sought new trial due to new evidence which Carter claimed would show he was innocent of charges.



(Above) Earnie Shavers takes the mandatory eight-count by referee Tony Perez during the ninth round of his bout with Bob Stallings at Madison Square Garden's Felt Forum in New York. Stallings went on to gain a 10-round decision. (Right) Junior welterweight king Antonio Cervantes lands a left to the body of Japanese challenger Shinichi Kadota during the seventh round of their scheduled 15-rounder at Tokyo. Cervantes stopped his man in the eighth.

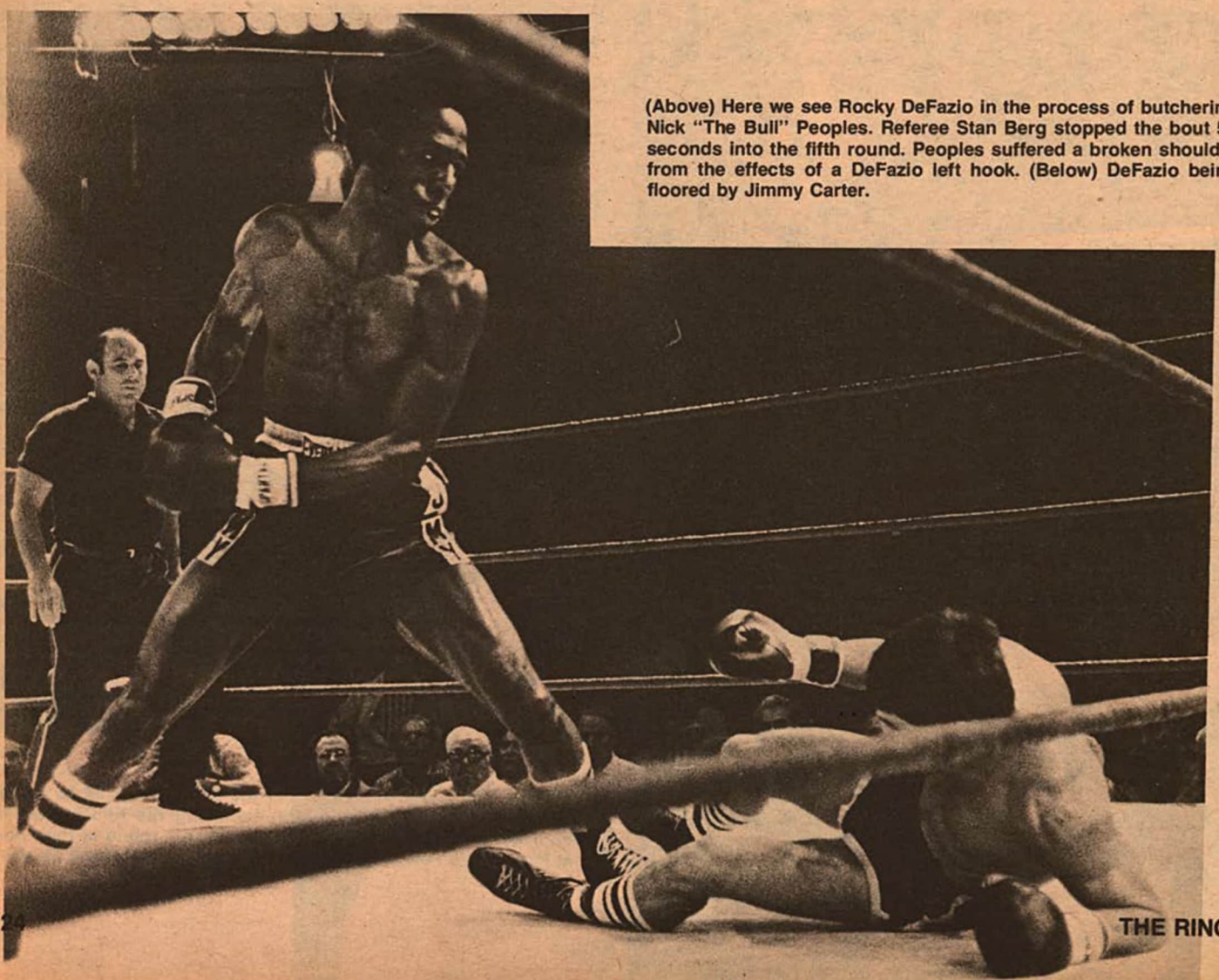
In keeping with his image as the Beau Brummel of the British boxing fraternity, England's John Conteh is fitted for a special evening suit by Tommy Slatter of John Michael, Savile Row, London.

Tyger Trimiar, a 21-year-old lass, works out at Bobby Gleason's New York gym. She has applied for a boxing license from the New York State Athletic Commission.



Referee Mark Conn calls a halt to the proceedings as he stands over Canada's Gary Broughton following his knockdown by France's Jean-Claude Bouttier in the seventh round of their bout at New York's Felt Forum. The contest was stopped and awarded to Bouttier.

DE FAZIO RATES RESPECT AS TITLE PROSPECT



(Above) Here we see Rocky DeFazio in the process of butchering Nick "The Bull" Peoples. Referee Stan Berg stopped the bout 50 seconds into the fifth round. Peoples suffered a broken shoulder from the effects of a DeFazio left hook. (Below) DeFazio being floored by Jimmy Carter.

By JIM BRADY

CHICAGO, ILL. — The gym was dark and dreary. Old boxing posters adorned the faded, peeling walls. A couple of ponderous heavyweights were sparring in the ring, but the handful of spectators' attention was focused on a powerful young man who was lambasting a soiled heavy bag. His name, "Rocky" DeFazio, one of the finest middleweight prospects in the world.

DeFazio, a soft spoken, intelligent 24-year-old became interested in boxing in 1971. "I was just out of the Army," he recalled, "and weighed 187 pounds. So I went down to the Y.M.C.A. to lose weight.

There he met the man who would guide his ring destiny, a balding yet dapper former welterweight named Bobby Salerno. "I can spot a fighter at a glance," says Salerno. "So I started working out regularly with the kid (DeFazio). I didn't take it easy either.

"I'd hit him some hard shots trying to discourage him, but I never could. He just kept walking in throwing punches. I never met anyone with so much heart."

Salerno then set out to teach DeFazio the rudiments of the "Sweet Science." The painful tuelage lasted for months until his youthful protege entered the amateur ranks. Rocky proved to be an adept pupil going undefeated in ten bouts, with his slam-bang style accounting for eight knockouts. His proudest achievement as a "simon pure" came when he kayoed Willie Yates to win the novice middleweight championship in the 1971 Catholic Youth Organization Tournament.

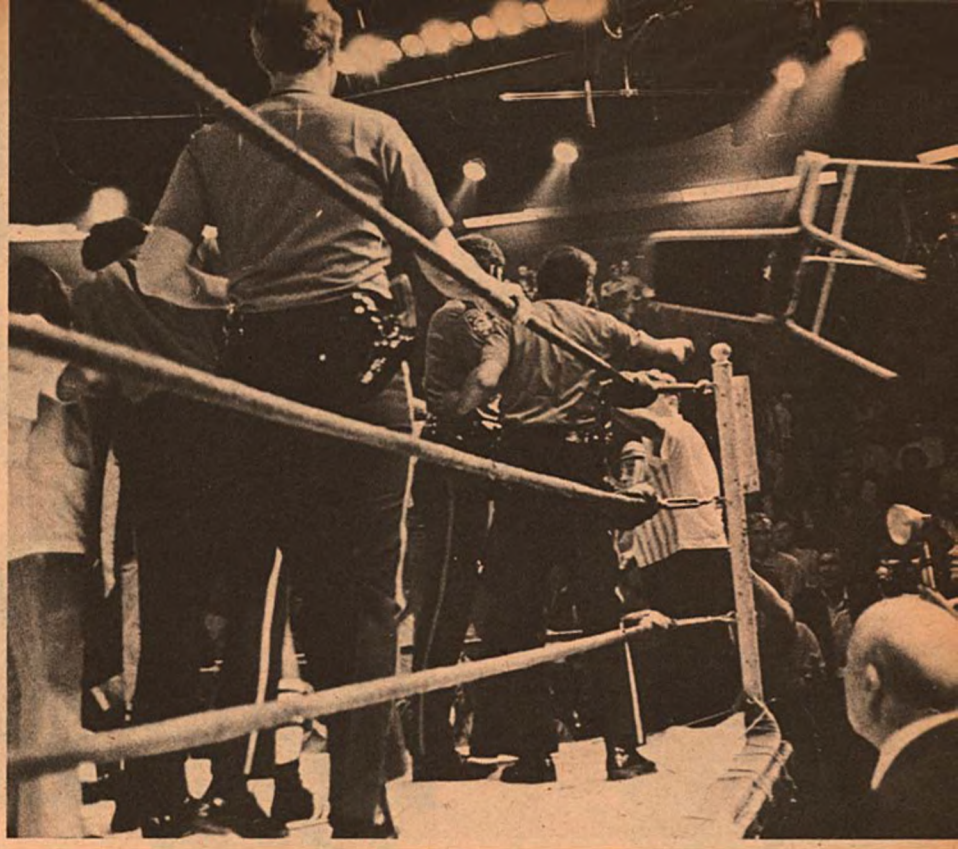
DeFazio then devoted the better part of 1972 away from active competition. Instead he spent long hours in the gym, did endless miles of roadwork, and in general honed his skills in preparation for one of the most brutal of all existences, that of a professional fighter.

In November, 1972, the brawny prospect made his pro debut, flattening Robert Hall in the first round at Las Vegas. Successive knockouts over Bill Noble (KO 2) and Jack Vaughn (KO 1) soon followed.

Impressed with his powerful punching, promoter Bill Miller matched DeFazio with a durable club fighter from Phoenix, Arizona, named Vicente Medina.

Medina, familiar to Vegas fans, was a veteran of more than 40 fights, many with the top welterweights and middleweights on the Pacific Coast. As DeFazio climbed into the ring that cool January evening, many fans at the Silver Slipper Arena were in sympathy with him. They felt he'd been overmatched and had no chance, considering Medina's vast experience and reputation as a puncher.

"I didn't want the Medina fight," recalled Salerno, "but nobody else would fight the kid except for main eventers and guys with a lot of experience. I knew Medina was tough but if Rocky stayed in close and banged to the body he could take him."



(Above) Chicago police cordon off the ring after rabid DeFazio fans attempted to storm the ring in an effort to reach Carter. (Right) Rocky gives thanks upon receiving the Leahy Award in Chicago's Sheraton-Oakbrook Hotel. Second from right is then vice president Ford. At the extreme right is Chicago Bears' owner George Halas.

DeFazio did exactly that, battering his foe throughout the six rounds. The decision in his favor was a mere formality. Because of Rocky's aggressive style of fighting and his potential drawing power, he was moved up to eight-rounders. His opponent in the semi-final to the Rod Bobick-Dan Johnson main event was a flashy, fleet-footed southpaw named Jeff Lucas.

However, the main event was anticlimactic as fans yelled themselves hoarse witnessing the savage Lucas-DeFazio brawl. Initially, DeFazio was the aggressor, body punching in an effort to slow his opponent down. He did so briefly, when a right hand landed on Lucas's chin and the bearded San Diego youngster went down for the mandatory eight count.

As the fight progressed, DeFazio's body punches began sapping the Californian's strength, so Lucas disdained the fancy stuff and elected to slug it out.

In the third round a powerful right-left combination opened an ugly gash over Rocky's left eye, which began bleeding profusely. His vision hampered and fearing the fight might be stopped, DeFazio began swinging wildly in an effort to put Lucas away. Lucas, bobbing and weaving, capitalized on his momentary advantage by firing a barrage of punches that had the rugged Chicagoan badly dazed and in trouble at the bell.

In the fifth round with the tide of battle changing, Rocky nailed the weary Californian with a left hook. His whole body sagged and, now fighting on sheer instinct, Lucas lashed out of his stupor with a straight left hook. It caught the flat-footed prospect flush on the chin and DeFazio dropped to his knees.

He staggered up and the two fighters, although nearly exhausted, continued to flail away at one another.

In the sixth, the brawny DeFazio bulled Lucas into a corner, landed a vicious right to the body, a powerful left hook to the head

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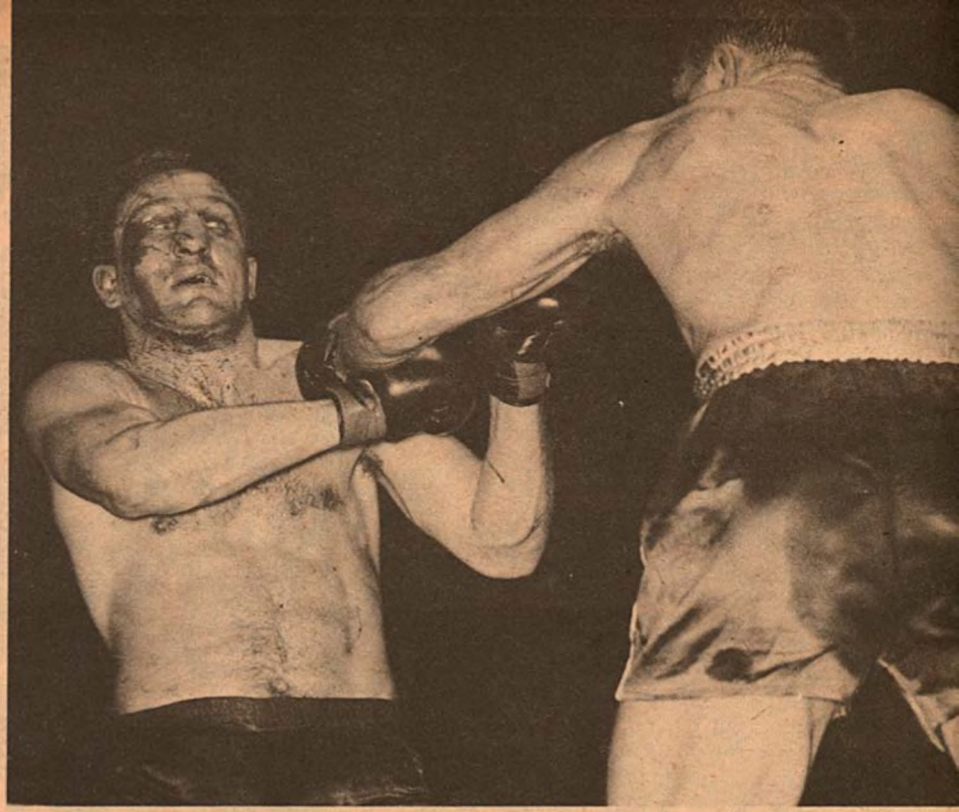

Blood-spattered Brian London (left) attempts to fight off Henry Cooper late in their battle at Earls Court, London, on January 12, 1959. Cooper won the British and Empire heavyweight crown.

Here's 'Enry with wife, Albina, and oldest son Henry Marco, after defeating Jose Urtain in 1970.

COOPER, RETIRED THREE YEARS, STILL BRITISH HERO

By RON OLVER

LONDON, ENGLAND — The bell had just ended 15 exciting rounds at Wembley Pool on March 16, 1971. The fans waited anxiously for the official decision. Would it be in favour of 36-year-old Henry Cooper, who would thus retain his British, European and Commonwealth heavyweight titles, or would it be challenger Joe Bugner, who had celebrated his 21st birthday just three days earlier?

Cooper obviously had no doubts as he walked towards referee Harry Gibbs, offering his glove to be raised. Instead Harry walked to the opposite corner, and raised Bugner's glove. Cooper's immediate reaction was to mutter "Cor, stone me!"

But outside the ring the reaction was more positive. As in any important fight that goes the full distance there was booing and hooting. On this occasion there was rather more than usual.

My own card showed Cooper a points winner. Some boxing writers agreed with me, others didn't. But remember also that there was a tremendous sentimental feeling for Cooper, who had set up a new record for the length of time he had held the British heavyweight title (he first won it in 1959).

No longer champ, Henry announced his retirement from the ring. "That's it for me," he said. "I'm finished now. It's a choker hav-

(Left) Cooper (right) with manager Jim Wicks (left) and Terry Merchent, a member of the British Board of Boxing Control at a dinner in 1971. (Below) Cooper has a bit of fun with Henry Marco, when he was a tiny tyke back in '66.

ing to go out like this. I want to thank the public and everyone for all the wonderful years. I don't regret one moment of it. I'd do it all over again."

Thus Cooper bowed out of the sport that he had graced professionally for nearly 17 years. In the opinion of countless fans he was the most popular British boxer of all-time.

Today, over three years after his retirement, Henry seems even more popular, if that were possible. "Mr. Nice Guy," they call him. He's every mother's idea of a perfect son, every youngster's hero, and everybody's friend.

That controversial verdict is still talked about, in pubs and clubs, and wherever boxing is discussed. But in retrospect it could have been a good thing for Henry. If he had won, he may have felt obligated to defend his crowns, and who knows what may have happened as the years continued to roll on.

As it was, he retired with his fans still looking on him as the rightful champion. A wonderful way to end a career.

As a direct result of his popularity, he's still making a lot of money. Personal appearances all over the country, captain of a team in a regular TV sports panel game, inter-round commentator on TV boxing, author (his life-story book is among the top sellers), boxing columnist and various other enterprises.

It is estimated that he grossed some £300,000 during his boxing career, but he has always had a running battle with the tax man, seeking to get a square deal for himself and other boxers so that tax is spread over and deducted according to actual earnings and not on what it is estimated that they will earn.

Henry estimated that he kept only about one quarter of his actual earnings. In the year that he met Muhammad Ali for the word title he grossed £50,000, but netted only £7,000.

He has invested wisely, and is a member of a Lloyd's underwriting syndicate, where you have to put up a sum of money, and underwrite the risk on whatever is insured. I'm not sure how much money you have to have before you are admitted to Lloyds, but I have heard it's not less than £70,000.

Is it then all work and no play these days? Not a bit of it. On the contrary, every available moment that Henry can spare he's out on the golf course, a game which he finds a suitable substitute for boxing. "You don't get hit so often," he cracked.

He plays off a 16-handicap, but confided to me, "I think I'm a shot or two better, but this suits me, so I'm not saying too much yet. But I am so fond of this game that I really would like to bring my handicap down to single figures."

He's the complete family man. His Italian-born wife Albina, while never keen on watching his fights, never attempts to conceal her pride in her husband.

An instance of this occurred a few years ago at the ceremony for the BBC Sports Personality Of The Year award on television. Henry had won this award on two occasions, but this particular year he had been invited to make the presentation to the winner.

These affairs are "spectaculars." with hundreds of the country's leading sportsmen and sportswomen present before an invited theatre audience, and the whole thing televised nationally for about 90 minutes.

Henry duly made the presentation, made his little speech, and in the audience was Albina, who couldn't resist turning round

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PUNCH LINES

A SCOT ASKS QUESTIONS

FOR many years I have been going to the games here in Glasgow. I have seen gigantic athletics toss the caber. I have seen great athletes play football. I have watched strong, fast and remarkable Scots perform wonderful deeds. But we do not rear great fighters and scientific boxers. Put down Ken Buchanan and who comes next? What is the reason for our national failure in the fight game? I have studied this for some years and cannot come to a definite conclusion as to the reasons for our amazing failure. We have no great boxers now and we have none in the past. What help can The Ring give me in solving this mystery?

"Roy Roy"
Glasgow, Scotland

Editor's Note — You have posed a query which we cannot answer. The Scots have been a fighting clan from the days of Bruce. But, as you say, they have not done well in the ring. There are Scottish blood strains in many great American fighters of the past and they exist today. Must be migration.

WHY TWO "GOVERNING" BODIES?

I would like to know why there are two "governing" bodies — the WBA and the WBC — in world boxing. These in addition to the various state and local commissions. I would like to see The Ring take a more aggressive attitude and chase the WBA and WBC out of business. The so-called champions of one body are not allowed to fight the champion of the other. Chacon is not allowed to fight Arguello. Preposterous. Let the best men in each division meet each other. The present situation is not to be endured.

Kevin Barthlemess
Tucson, Arizona

SUGGESTION FROM AUSTRALIA

With the WBA and WBC ruining world boxing with their childish behaviour, and absurd decisions regarding world titles, I feel there must be thousands of fans frustrated like myself, who look towards The Ring for the experience and respect and wise decisions that boxing needs, and deserves. The ideal situation that I like to think may happen, would be a meeting between the president and secretary of the WBA, the president and secretary of the WBC, and Mr. Loubet in the position of chairman and mediator of such a meeting, to try and bring peace and world-wide agreement to boxing again. I sincerely hope this is not wishful thinking on my part. This is the most important part in my letter.

Tohnle Lievre
Victoria, Australia

COULD FITZSIMMONS WIN TODAY?

I find myself in the middle of a running debate between my dad and my grandfather about the relative merits of the fighters of old and the scrappers of today. I think that the old timers could not fight. My elders think that the fighters of today are inferior. The latest subject of debate is whether Bob Fitzsimmons could be a world champion in 1974. I say that he would be a 1975 second-rater. He wasn't heavy enough to go into the ring with the current stars. I get it from newspaper files that Corbett had Fitz on points when Bob landed the solar plexus punch and won the title. To hear my elders you would think that Fitz could have taken Frazier, Ali and Foreman in three rounds. Don't run more material on the old guys than you have to, to satisfy the old time fans. The future of The Ring lies with the young men of today.

Herman Feist
New Orleans, La.

ARE THE BLACKS TAKING OVER?

I have been a fight fan for the past 60 years. I am losing interest. I am Caucasian and I see the fight game being taken over by the blacks. They are big and strong and they are hungry, as a race. I do not like this domination of the game by the blacks, not because I am against them but because I am sick of what has happened and is happening, to the white fighters. The tip off was the moving of the Foreman-Muhammad fight to Zaire. That was disgraceful. Whitey is left with an odd looking bunch of American champions. I do not expect The Ring to give me an answer to the problem. I know what is going on and I do not like it at all. This dwindling of Caucasian competition is going to kill off American white boxing. White fans are not going to come out for all-black fights. Interracial competition is a necessity. Oh, for the days of Mike Jacobs.

Harvey Gahagan
Los Angeles, Calif.

BLESSES HEAVEN FOR MUHAMMAD

Thanks Heaven for Ali. He is the only interesting fighter in the business. He made a monkey of the greatest hitter in years. George knows as much about boxing as I know about flying to Russia. How did he ever stop Joe Frazier? Muhammad will be the most interesting fighter until the day he retires, and after that, too.

Seeley Hagan
Chicago, Ill.

HOW IT WAS DONE

I know exactly how Ali disposed of Foreman. He let Foreman tire himself out and then went to work. I am proud to be a Muhammad rooter and of Ali's color. There never will be his match again.

Frank Langley
New York, N.Y.

RE ALI STRATEGY

Newspaper accounts of the Foreman fight are so daffy they make wonder which fight the reporters were watching. I saw the screen version in the Garden and I had Foreman leading by 7-0 when Ali stopped him.

Incidentally, I never saw the count. Was there one?

I paid $25 to see the screening. Never again. I thought it was a rotten fight and I advise Ali to hang up the gloves and enjoy family life.

Harry Froelich
Scarsdale, N.Y.

WANTS ALI TO QUIT

I saw the Muhammad screening. It was a punk fight and Foreman should go back to school. Muhammad showed me nothing and should quit before he gets hurt. If he continues he will get injured. As for 20 bucks for a screening, never again.

Frank Vick
Jersey City, N.J.

UP AND DOWN

Old Broadway

By SAM TAUB

DANNY BROWN, boxer and later manager of some good fistic performers who is now 69, is still seen along the Broadway beat and working. He originally brought out Al Singer, who became lightweight king when he was later managed by the late Hymie Caplan. Danny is in the trucking business at 331 East Houston St., New York City.

Brown's fistic career was an unusual one. He decided to become a manager after he had only three pro bouts as a featherweight, and fared well. Many will remember Lew Kirsch, the East Side lightweight; also Terry Roth, the East side feather, who knocked out unbeaten Carlo Mezzola in Detroit, after the latter registered an unbeaten string of victories, a shocker to the Flivver City fans. Danny also managed Marty Fox, a popular heavyweight.

After Roth scored a sensational kayo win over Mezzola, who was a big favorite, manager Brown was invited to bring his protege down to a Detroit nightclub. He got quite an ovation when introduced and, in his talk, made the following cryptic remark: "It's funny in New York I'm going and in Detroit I'm coming."

As for Brown, whom we met in Jack Singer's popular steak house, The Flame, on West 42nd St., he told us he and his wife, Emily, are parents of two daughters, Linda, who is married to Bill Hyman, and Susan. Still interested in boxing, Brown now resides in the Edison Hotel, on West 47th St., New York City.

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The Muhammad Ali-George Foreman match is now in the fistic archives, but in the excitement of that scrap, plus other fistic matters, we overlooked many happenings. One was a letter from Tom Daly, father of John Daly, whose outfit, the Hemdale Leisure Corporation of London, where he resides, were co-promoters of the title match. Papa Daly told us he was delighted with the write-up in The Ring.

Tom wrote us that in all his fights, he only met one American, whom he defeated on points over 15 rounds at the Ring, Blackfriars, in London, back in 1928.

"His name was Willie Hines, of Chicago, and he came to London with two other fighters, Russell Whalen and Benny Kid Carter. I would love to hear from Willie after all these years."

Tom Daly's address is 23 Gerrard House, Briant Street, New Cross, London SE 15, England.

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It happened a few months back but Adrian Bailey's 6th Annual Hall of Fame dinner, again held at popular Diamond Jim's fine spot in Matawan, N.J., with almost 1,000 people in attendance, was a real knockout. We have never missed one and were happy to have been there again. It was a corker in every respect, even though a few mentioned it as being over-crowded. Bailey works hard to make these affairs great and everybody had a wonderful time. The food was excellent. Among the honorees were Emil Cal Cagni, now a judge, Odin Dudrich, Young Joe Firpo, Mickey Bottone, Frankie Huber, now a priest, Gene Johnson, Roy Lazer, Jimmy Phillips and Tommy Roman. Special awards were given to Ray Shaara, who received the Paddy McGuigan Memorial Award and Charley Gellman, of the Jewish Memorial Hospital, who accepted the Lou Halper Award presented by Lou's widow, Ida. Many notables from the fistic world, too numerous to mention,

Here's a photo taken at 6th Annual Dinner of the New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame, Inc. Left to right are Emil Cal Cagni, former New Jersey middleweight, now a judge of Workmen's Compensation in New Jersey; our own Sam Taub and Adrian Bailey, founder of the N.J. Hall of Fame.

Photo by Al Louture.

were present. A salute should be given to Bailey and his staff of officers, which includes Charley Spina, president of Ring #14 V.B.A., Jersey City.

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Speaking of the New Jersey Hall of Fame dinner, we ran into an old friend from our broadcasting days, Arthur G. McMahon, formerly of the "Sportsmens Corner," who was with the Passaic Herald News during the roaring twenties. A fine newspaperman, he presented the trophy to Battling Odin, who fought as a lightweight, welterweight and middleweight out of Passaic from 1921 to 1929. Odin, now 70, who was managed by Harry Kinney and Lew Barnett, became a commercial artist and sign painter after he quit the ring.

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Mickey Allen, who used to sing the national anthem at Floyd Patterson's scraps, has opened another bistro, the Mickey Allen Ristorante at Rockaway Turnpike, in Lawrence, Long Island, N.Y. Mickey, who is Floyd's brother-in-law, originally opened and still has Johnny Weismantel's Show Boat, on Jamaica Avenue, in Brooklyn, which is now operated by Mickey's wife. Allen was a boxer from 1947 to 1949, as a lightweight and

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Q & A — Questions & Answers

Q. Who was the winner of the Duran-Barreto non-title fight in the Garden? There was no result in our local paper.

Nicholas Vanderplanck
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

A. There was no fight. The New York Commission ordered Duran to defend his lightweight title against Buchanan before meeting Barreto. Duran refused. This cut the card to the Velasquez-Torres fight, which was moved down to the Felt Forum. Duran is not essential to the life of Garden boxing.

Q. What did Foreman weigh officially for the Norton fight in Caracas?

Brick Daugherty
San Francisco, Calif.

A. The official weight was 222. It was explained that Foreman wore heavy boots and that his weight more likely was 220.

Q. Why is it that the heavyweight class does not get recruits from pro football? Some of those linebackers look tough enough and they certainly have the athletic requisites.

Tom Gruber
Newark, N.J.

A. The heavies never have had many transfers from football. The two sports require different assets and different temperaments.

Q. Why don't we have 20-round fights? They would be more interesting than the 15s. They would prove more points of superiority.

Torge Elfredson
Minneapolis, Minn.

A. How many 15s last the limit? Two fighters gaited for the 20-round distance would produce a cautious second ten. Our fighters of today are not made for the 20-round pace and that is not to their discredit.

Q. My grandfather insists that John L. Sullivan was the heavyweight champion of the world. I believe that The Ring had an item disputing this. What was the basis of this item?

George M. Machado
Manila, P.I.

A. Sullivan could not show a clear title because he would not fight Peter Jackson. The first world champion, according to the Purists, was Jim Jeffries, who stopped Jackson. However, by that time Peter was just a stiff, ill and worn.

Q. Was Tim Hurst, the oldtime National League umpire, a fighter before he went into baseball? My grandfather says he was a middleweight.

Harry Cahane
Brooklyn, N.Y.

A. Hurst never was a fighter. He did referee many fights. He was a splendid umpire. Very tough.

Q. Do you believe that the big fight in Zaire is the beginning of a trend among the numerous new black nations in Africa?

Lance Blackburn
Memphis, Tenn.

A. We do not expect the Zaire venture to start a string of similar undertakings.

Q. As a former active fighter I am very much interested in the movement to establish a pension system for professional boxers. What is your opinion of the chances that within a few years we will have a working pension fund?

Kelley Drake
Butte, Mont.

A. If a pension fund is organized it will have to be done for the boxers and not by them. The fighter knows no tomorrow. He lives for today and too often is improvident. The plan certainly is feasible and the objective is a truly necessary and worthy one.

Q. Would you publish a feature on Siki? His history appears to warrant running it in The Ring.

Cain Kieky
New York, N.Y.

A. A Siki story might be a fine idea. We will place it on the possible story agenda.

Q. I note a steady influx of females into boxing as judges, fight managers and promoters, and wonder what The Ring thinks about it.

Ms. Agnes Gallagher
Milwaukee, Wis.

A. The Ring welcomes the gals and hopes that they will live up to the requirements of their various undertakings in boxing. The Ring believes that they will be meticulous and free of bad involvements. Too bad they are barred from the shower room.

Q. We boxing buffs in Cleveland take great pride in the achievements of Johnny Kilbane. How does The Ring rate Kilbane? Was he as great as we here believe he was? His record certainly makes him seem to have been a standout.

Thomas J. DeSalvo
Cleveland, Ohio

A. Kilbane was all that Cleveland believes him to have been, a great, honest, highly skilled, game and clean fighter. You cannot rate him too highly.

UNITED STATES RING RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
*George Foreman, Hayward, Calif.
1—Joe Frazier, Philadelphia, Pa.
2—Ron Lyle, Denver, Colo.
3—Ken Norton, San Diego, Calif.
4—Jerry Quarry, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Chuck Wepner, Bayonne, N.J.
6—Henry Clark, San Francisco, Calif.
7—Larry Middleton, Baltimore, Md.
8—Jimmy Young, Philadelphia, Pa.
9—Duane Bobick, Minneapolis, Minn.
10—Rodney Bobick, Bowlus, Minn.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
*Len Hutchins, Detroit, Mich.
1—Alvaro Lopez, Stockton, Calif.
2—Richie Kates, Philadelphia, Pa.
3—Bobby Cassidy, Brentwood, N.Y.
4—Mike Quarry, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Hal Carroll, Syracuse, N.Y.
6—Ray Elson, New York, N.Y.
7—James Scott, Newark, N.J.
8—Jesse Burnett, Los Angeles, Calif.
9—Lonnie Bennett, Houston, Texas
10—John Griffin, Akron, Ohio

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
*Tony Licata, New Orleans, La.
1—Emile Griffith, New York, N.Y.
2—George Cooper, Oakland, Calif.
3—Bennie Briscoe, Philadelphia, Pa.
4—Vito Antuofermo, Brooklyn, N.Y.
5—Bobby Watts, Philadelphia, Pa.
6—Rudy Robles, Los Angeles, Calif.
7—Mike Rossman, Pleasantville, N.J.
8—Willie Monroe, Philadelphia, Pa.
9—Leo Saenz, Baltimore, Md.
10—Marvin Hagler, Brockton, Mass.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
*Billy Backus, Syracuse, N.Y.
1—Cuby Top Cat Jackson, Detroit, Mich.
2—Clyde Washington, New Orleans, La.
3—Mike Baker, Spartanburg, S.C.
4—Rocky DeFazio, Chicago, Ill.
5—Tony Gardner, Oklahoma City, Okla.
6—Marco Gerardo, Los Angeles, Calif.
7—Harold Weston, New York, N.Y.
8—Ray Seales, Seattle, Wash.
9—Alvin Anderson, Baltimore, Md.
10—Keith Averett, Toledo, Ohio

WELTERWEIGHTS
*Hedgemon Lewis, Detroit, Mich.
1—Angel Espada, Puerto Rico
2—Johnny Gant, Washington, D.C.
3—Armando Muniz, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Sandy Torres, Puerto Rico
5—Eddie Perkins, Chicago, Ill.
6—Paul Poirier, New Bedford, Mass.
7—Eddie Parks, Paterson, N.J.
8—Billy Lloyd, Philadelphia, Pa.
9—Avon Little, Washington, D.C.
10—Wilfredo Benitez, Puerto Rico

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
*Tony Petronelli, Taunton, Mass.
1—Esteban DeJesus, Puerto Rico
2—Monroe Brooks, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—Brooks, Byrd, Clovis, N.M.
4—Miguel Barreto, Puerto Rico
5—Laudial Negron, Puerto Rico
6—Hector Matta, Puerto Rico
7—Adolph Viruet, Brooklyn, N.Y.
8—Javier Muniz, Los Angeles, Calif.
9—Frankie Benitez, Puerto Rico
10—Dale Hernandez, Omaha, Nebr.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
*Ray Lampkin, Portland, Ore.
1—Angel Mayoral, Las Vegas, Nev.
2—Ray Lunny III, San Francisco, Calif.
3—Miguel Mayan, San Diego, Calif.
4—Hector Medina, Puerto Rico
5—Mike Everett, Philadelphia, Pa.
6—Tim Walker, Washington, D.C.
7—Edwin Viruet, Brooklyn, N.Y.
8—Randy Shields, Los Angeles, Calif.
9—Jimmy Heair, Los Angeles, Calif.
10—John Copeland, Springfield, Mo.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
*Tyrone Everett, Philadelphia, Pa.
1—Samuel Serrano, Puerto Rico
2—Alfredo Escalera, Puerto Rico
3—Jose Fernandez, New York, N.Y.
4—Sammy Goss, Trenton, N.J.
4—Walter Seeley, Sayville, N.Y.
6—Hector Diaz, Puerto Rico
7—Eduardo Santiago, Puerto Rico
8—Hilton Stevenson, Winston-Salem, N.C.
9—Dom Monaco, Brooklyn, N.Y.
10—Carlos Bercerril, Los Angeles, Calif.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
*Bobby Chacon, Los Angeles, Calif.
1—Danny Lopez, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—Lorenzo Trujillo, Houston, Texas
3—Ronnie McGarvey, Baltimore, Md.
4—Santos Luis Rivera, Puerto Rico
5—Diego Martinez, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—Ernesto Vann, Albuquerque, N.M.
7—Carlos Perez, Los Angeles, Calif.
8—Luis Davila, Puerto Rico
9—Budda Busceme, Beaumont, Texas
10—Manuel Lujan, Los Angeles, Calif.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
*Francisco Villegas, Puerto Riço
1—David Vasquez, New York, N.Y.
2—Joe Guevara, Sacramento, Calif.
3—Frank Duarte, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—James Martinez, Dallas, Texas
5—Andres Hernandez, Puerto Rico
6—Benny Rodriguez, Los Angeles, Calif.
7—Eddie Logan, Los Angeles, Calif.
8—Earl Large, Phoenix, Ariz.
9—Tony Rocha, San Antonio, Texas
10—Billy Lee Hunter, Denver, Colo.

FLYWEIGHTS
*Tony Moreno, San Antonio, Texas
1—Raul Rosette, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—Alberto Davila, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—Alfonso Gonzalez, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Salvatore Vasquez, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Melvin Johnson, Clovis, N.M
6—Bobby Holderfield, Little Rock, Ark.
7—Victor Rocha, San Antonio, Texas
8—Rocky Garcia, San Antonio, Texas
9—Erasmo Flores, Houston, Texas
10—Willie Jansen, Las Vegas, Nev.

*Champion

BOXING MANAGERS OF PARIS COLORFUL, INTREPID

(Above) The late Pierre Langlois gets some advice from Jean Bretonnel (center) and George Kanter in this 1955 photo. (Below) The famed Eiffel Tower.

By LESTER BROMBERG

PARIS, FRANCE—On a vacation, it is only natural that I visit with the boxing fraternity here. It has been joined by Alain Delon, who represented the money behind Jean-Claude Bouttier's two bids for the middleweight championship. Alain is Jean's pal.

Delon, who is a prominent actor, also was the moolah behind the Monzon-Napoles fight.

The presence of Delon in the field stresses the difference between the French fight contingent and the Yankee-Dixie-Coast coterie, which is behind the scenes in the United States.

There are, in Paris, quite a few bona fide managers of the old school. That variety almost has left the streets of old New York. Jacobs Beach has vanished.

The New York department of the profession has turned too many managers into mere booking agents.

Over here the managers are boldly independent. They fight it out with the promoters.

Let me introduce the three kings of the Paris ring, all loaded with experience.

Jean Bretonnel, an amiable bulky man who always looks like the cat that ate the canary. Then there's Filipi Phillipe, who alternately gives the impression that he's about the blow his cork or be the soul of charm. And there's Jose Jover, who's constantly putting people on.

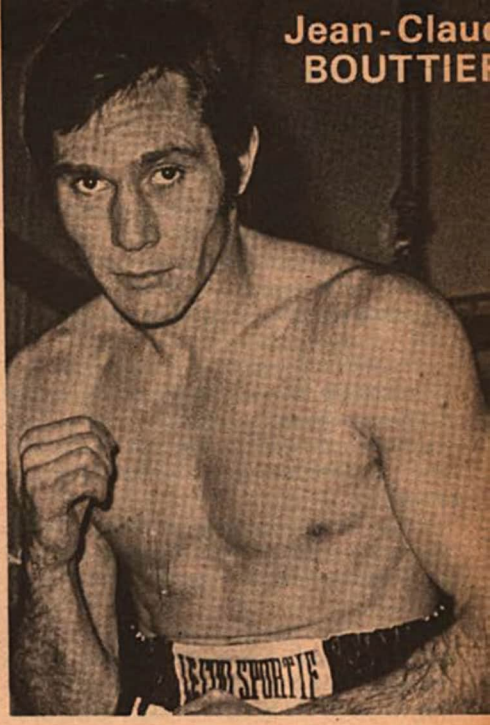
They are no kids, remember. Each of the three would like to be described as in his fifties but would in truth admit to being around the corner of 60.

None of three confesses to a working knowledge of English. Bretonnel knows the most. This means he smiles and nods his head in agreement usually. But, when a question is awkward—no, no, he just cannot understand. The other two managers sound voluble sentences in French that confuse and puzzle an interpreter.

Bretonnel is metropolitan French, so called. This means he could come from New Caledonia (a French colony of the United Kingdom and France in the Pacific), or come from a part of Paris. That is his hometown. There is no such thing as a French colonial, each person anywhere in the world has equal rights of citizenship.

They tell a typical, but doubtful, story involving Bretonnel and George

(Left to right) Jacques Hernandez, Hoacine Khalfi, Felix Montenegro, Bretonnel, Langlois, Jacques Royer-Crecy and Jacques Julien.



Jean-Claude Bouttier, whose two title bids were backed by Alain Delon.

Kanter, American representative (of all three on occasion) but principally Bretonnel's man in America.

Kanter is Belgian-born and speaks an impeccable French. He and Bretonnel were in Paris trying to arrange a match by telephone with Rould Godbout, a French-Canadian promoter in Montreal. You probably know that French-Canadians speak a quaint, almost 18th century idiom. It is not lucid over the phone at best. A verbal struggle went on, Bretonnel and Godbout, in fractured French. Finally Jean called over George and told him, in effect, "make him talk English, maybe you can understand him!"

There are no such problems among the three under examination here, according to Kanter. However, Filipi Phillipe is from the island of Corsica. Oh, all right, the other guy born on that Mediterranean island was Napoleon Bonaparte.

Jover comes from Spain. Maintaining his reputation as a bon vivant, he has two apartments. The Paris place is for business, Madrid for fun.

This American in Paris found it difficult to catch up with them.

To be candid, I was under the gentle but firm hand of my wife, Miriam. And she is strictly art-minded. When it came to choosing between pictures and pugilism the latter came off a bad second. We saw art, art and art. And you know that art is long and time is fleeting.

The kings sort of cooperated with Miriam. Three days after we'd left a message, Bretonnel turned up. He arrived at our hotel full of apologies. He'd just picked up the note. But he had only a half hour to spend because of obligations. And what could he do for us? Nothing. We were headed for the south of France that very night anyway.

We couldn't fulfill our good intentions to see Phillipe (or should it be Filipi?). We had a good rundown on him anyway from his last trip to New York. Only Jover remains a phantom of le opera, once played by Lon Chaney who spent all his time scooting through the Paris sewers.

A random thought: arrange to take a tour of the sewage system of Paris next time you're over, it's open only certain days of the week but you meet such interesting people.

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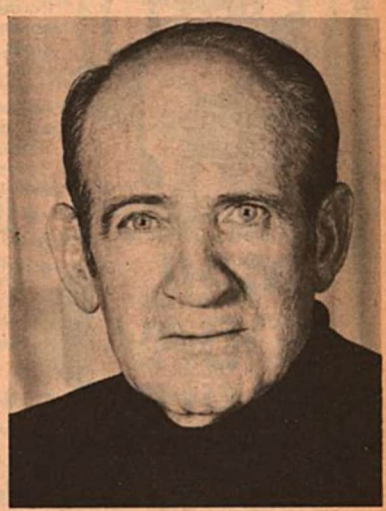

(Above) Marcel Cerdan Jr. waves to camera after his defeat by Donato Paduano, in dark robe. (Right) Filippi Philippe, veteran Paris boxing pilot.

JOHN H. STRACEY: DETERMINED, SELF-CONFIDENT

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Lawless told me, "We were fortunate in being able to watch the film of Ralph Charles' fight against Menetrey, so we had a good opportunity of studying the Frenchman's style. We played this film over and over again.

"It was noticeable that Menetrey was all right coming forward, but his ability seemed to be considerably reduced when he was forced to retreat and had to fight on the back foot. So John took full advantage of this, as you saw.

"He's a glutton for work. He wanted to go back into the gym as soon as he got back from Paris and it is difficult to curb his enthusiasm."

And John himself said after the fight, "I'm still bursting with energy. This always happens when you beat your opponent halfway through the contest. I knew I had him, and I could have taken him before, but my cornermen wanted to make certain before I opened up.

"I reckon I won't reach my peak until I'm 25 and that my best fighting years will be from then until I'm 27."

Once when John was asked whether it mightn't be advisable to box American style, he replied, "I don't need to copy the Yanks. I'll do it my way.

"The one exception is Muhammad Ali. He always sets out to do what he says he will do, and that's one American example I shall try and follow."

I doubt if anyone can match Stracey for his attitude in making every minute of the day count. And this is all involved with sport. Imagine running seven miles in the morning, playing two rounds of golf in the afternoon, and boxing ten rounds in the gym in the evening.

No imagination as far as Stracey is concerned, just plain reality, and nothing unusual. He's also a competent driver, (of a car as well as a golf ball) but prefers sports which involve the use of his two feet.

Terry never ceases to marvel at John's ability. "Remember Frenchman Yvon Mariolle?" he asked. "When I matched John with him, Jean-Claude Bouttier was shocked. 'You must be mad, he said. 'Mariolle is a good fighter.' John knocked him out with a perfect right cross."

Every fighter looks good when he's winning, but what about when he's up against it. That's the test. With Stracey it came against Frankie Lewis. John was cut over the right eye, but came right back to gain a draw, in spite of the handicap.

The crowd appreciated it and threw in nobbins. Promoter Mike Barrett appreciated it too and stated:

"This was the turning point in John's career. It was the night he became a man. His greatest assets are his determination, his self-confidence and his ability. There aren't many fighters in the country with assets like these."

Or in the world, Mike.

RING DETECTIVE EXPLAINS ZAIRE CUT EYE PLOY, THE FOREMAN NEED FOR DELAY

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accurate. Fighters who are knocked out usually insist that they did not get the full ten. This is a natural reaction. Foreman doubtless felt that he had been the victim of a fast count. But he may console himself with the certainty that the count had run its full course of ten seconds. Clayton is to be commended for having done a good job all the way.

(5) **The Reported Demand of Foreman for $500,000 More or No Fight** – That Foreman had rushed his secretary, Leroy Jackson, to London from Zaire with a demand directed at John Daley, one of the promoters, to pay him an extra $500,000 or he would not fight – would not even weigh in. Foreman has denied this. But why would a reputible business man like John Daley concoct any such maneuver? The explanation seems to be that George went over his accounts and found that he would have to pay too heavy a tax out of the $5,000,000 guaranteed him as well as Ali, by the promoters. Five Internal Revenue agents were reported to be at Kinshasa for the fight, to protect the IRS interest. The Ring Detective is inclined to accept the Daley revelation. For a fighter to demand more money would not have been a strange move. The Ring Detective is inclined to accept the Daley statement but to regard the ploy as of no interest as far as the fight itself was concerned. But it is one of the strange facts hanging loose in the fight aftermath.

(6) **Foreman's Failure To Get Into Shape** – Foreman may lay most of the blame for his defeat on his failure to keep in shape and his inability to get himself down to 220 pounds in a normal way. Noting George's failure to reduce during the last three weeks of training, Moore offered a rubber suit. It was refused.

(7) **Kinshasa and Zaire as fitted for a World Championship Fight** – The Ring Detective indicts the promoters as having gone to a locale not fitted for so important a contest. The failings of Zaire are much too numerous to deal with at length. However, there never again will be a title fight in the Congo. Zaire tossed $6,000,000 into the promotion. It will not do that again.

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BOXING MANAGERS OF PARIS COLORFUL, INTREPID

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It would be impertinent to ask bluntly what sort of a living these fight managers make. The nearest thing to an answer you will get is: "A comfortable living." And then there is an addendum. "But you have to remember that we have to scratch and scrape, hustle all over the country and generally spend almost every night at some fight arena."

There obviously is a public respect for the position of a fight manager. The reason is that, unlike Topsy, the black slave of Uncle Tom's Cabin, they didn't just grow up. Which happens to be the case in most states of the United States. You simply become a manager by swearing that you have no criminal record. Slap down a license fee and you're in like Flynn, as they used to say.

Nothing of that kind in France. Before thinking of becoming a manager, you first must qualify as a trainer. The Ministry of Sport, once headed by Jean Borotra, the tennis star, decides whether or not you qualify. You attend state schools, you must demonstrate your ability to handle emergency cases in a corner.

Treatment of cuts is paramount, as is coolness under fire.

It has been said that more people fail the examination for trainer than anything else.

Once past the basic course—and it often takes up to three years—the handler then is examined for manager. Here comes a general review of the rules. There also is an estimation of character outside the ring as well as in it.

Finally there is the certificate of qualification, which generally hangs on the wall of the gym. And the very place in which fighters train is not exempt from examination for cleanliness. They're checked and the owner is held responsible.

Then there is a break for the fight manager wishing to conduct a show. He pays a much lower license fee than the promoter who does not operate a gym. That's because he operates as a club, working from the amateurs up.

Each of our three kings operates in his own territory. Bretonnel's gym, for example, is on the third floor of a building in the northern area of Paris. It is on a street known as Saint Denis near the Faubourg corner. If you want to be technical, you are in the 18th Paris district.

The Bretonnel gym would be missed if you didn't notice a back alley address. Its antiquity is testified by the clatter on carpetless steps. The gym was locked. Bretonnel was out of town.

The gym is decorated by a statue of one of Bretonnel's favorite fighters—the middleweight of the late 1940 and the early 1950 era, Robert Villemain. For trivia, you can toss in the fact that he now sells fancy meats. . .no, not horse meat.

Bretonnel never quite made a world champion of him. How he could he? He was scarcely five feet five inches, incredible for a middleweight. But he came in like the fog on little cat feet, to borrow a phrase from Carl Sandburg. I remember him, in white shoes and with blood dripping on them from a hundred cuts that found their way down to his shoes. The puncher was Steve Belloise, in the old Garden. It was only the first of many good U.S. fights Villemain was to make.

Phillipe's is a building with various offices of the area but the central part is a high-ceilinged room. It resembles, for New York expatriates, an improvement on the long-since-gone Lou Stillman's gym. There is a duplex arrangement and a stairway running up to them.

The gym is located in the northeastern quarter of Paris, Neuilly, on the edge of the city. It is in the same geographical section as Bretonnel's, being in the 17th "Arrondissement." But it is unmistakably different.

The fighting name one most associates with Phillipe is the most glamorous in all France, the late Marcel Cerdan. Be careful and remember the fact that he did not handle the original who perished in a plane crash. His association was with the son, Marcel Cerdan Jr., a precocious amateur who was launched carefully, and profitably, into a pro career.

Young Cerdan was so skillfully exploited that Philippe brought him to Madison Square Garden as an undefeated, but not young, small middleweight in 1970. It was freely admitted that he couldn't punch like his father, he couldn't move like the old man—but, for heaven's sake, it was enough to have even a namesake.

He was brought to New York by Phillipe and Kanter in a skillful bit of management. They got $40,000 for him to face Donato Paduano, a handsome young Italian living in Montreal, also undefeated. But Paduano couldn't punch a lick and they knew it.

However, it was a pleasing blending of styles. They fought 10 lively rounds and, although Paduano won a not so popular unanamious decision, Cerdan was a surprise. He could fight a little on his own.

Teddy Brenner, then matchmaker, wanted to bring him back, even if the fight didn't make much money. He offered Phillipe $35,000. And into the picture entered a proud, perhaps arrogant, French fight manager.

He wouldn't think of fighting Paduano again for less money. . .didn't he (Cerdan Jr.) make a hit, even win the duke with some of the writers?

They were soon back in Paris with no answer to Brenner.

The matchmaker cooled his enthusiasm a little. He cabled Phillipe a second offer:—$25,000. Now he was positively furious. And the return match died on the vine.

Paduano killed it anyway by losing to Ken Buchanan in the next year.

Unfortunately, domestic difficulties cropped up for Cerdan Jr. Nothing like falling in love with somebody else other than his chic wife, Danielle, who had accompanied him to New York.

His was a money-grabbing family. He had brothers who loved to sleep to noon. They had been bleeding him for years. Obviously, Danielle was angered, reaching a boiling point.

The pulling and tugging began to gnaw away at what boxing ability Marcel had left. Nearly 30 years old, Cerdan lost his first fight in France in 1972. Then he lost some more. Similarly his wife, out of patience with him, took a walk. She resolved he could go on, if he wanted to, and turn over his ring earnings to his brothers—and probably his sisters, cousins and aunts. But she delcared for divorce.

Marcel announced his retirement from the ring at this time. He went into the theater, playing various parts of lesser importance. The name still had public adoration.

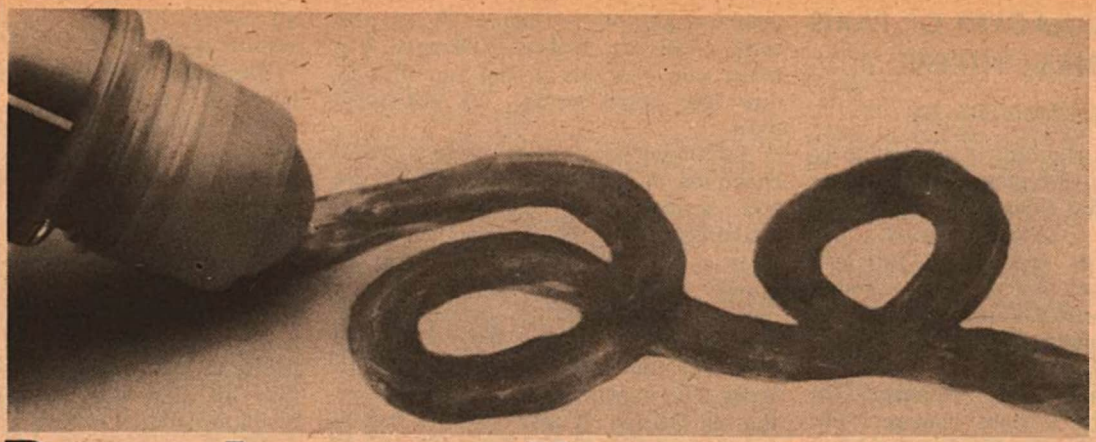
It is presumed that the family has been shaken off. It also is presumed that Danielle is back. Nothing pleases a woman so much as being proven right in a domestic spat.

Now, we must not forget our third part of all Gaul, Jover's land. His gym is newest. It was built by a new municipal administration. By whom? By a long line of Communist councilmen.

Truthfully, French and European champions are fairly common in the stables of Jover, Phillipe and Bretonnel.

Bretonnel has been around boxing since he was 13 years old, yet he never has had a world's champion in any class. Phillipe has one up on him. He managed Alphonse Halimi, world's bantamweight champion, who held that title in 1957. In fact, he's held 22 French crowns, as a pilot.

But Villemain and other of Bretonnel's fighters have contributed many bright pages to the book of American boxing. As a matter of fact, if you could have bet $2 once and parlayed it on three of his fighters in New York you would have gotten $130, hard, non-inflated dollars in 1954. Hold still. Hoacine Khalfi, who upset Sandy Saddler, was the first. Then came the late Pierre Langlois, who beat Joey Giardello in the Garden. And finally there was Jacques Royer de Crecy, who trounced Tiger Jones.



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ALI'S ROPE TRICK NOTHING NEW

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be scored five rounds Oma, two rounds Charles. Lee twisted, turned, he showed him his long arms and he let Charles drag him off the ropes when he got into a clinch. He made a joke of the champion.

Lee won three or four more rounds. Now it was serious. He had a substantial lead and he had five rounds to the end of the 15 rounds. In the press rows the writers were beginning to talk upset.

Then in the 10th round, like clockwork Oma started to run down. He began wobbling. Why, I'll never know. He couldn't have been hurt. Up till then Ezzard hadn't laid a glove on him. Anyway, he was down two or three times like a dying swan. It was all over. He got up and shook himself like a wet dog who had finished with a bath. No pun intended here.

There was another side to the picture. Lee owed the IRS a load of money. He had never bothered paying current taxes. And the men with the whiskers brought in the plasters right in the dressing room while he was putting on the gloves. He could see he would be fighting for nothing. So there he was, Lee Oma with the pompadour hair. He was going to show Ezzard Charles how he could fight and then when he was in danger of taking a licking, good night, boys, he was going home.

Actually the business of rope-fighting went further back than Oma. I remember—I recall hearing about Johnny Dundee. I didn't see him—his art of using the ropes. He would use its spring to bounce him with surprising speed—and into surprising places.

Where Dundee got it, nobody knew. Certainly, Scotty Montieth, who managed him and who nicknamed him 'The Scotch Wop,' certainly did not teach him. It was just a natural move, because he had fast legs.

But fundamentally he had only a third of the stratagem. He would retreat spectacularly to the ropes, stay there briefly and up, up and away, he would bounce somewhere else. He didn't elbow-guard himself against punches there, he didn't counter-punch from there.

Yet he didn't pay the price for lingering on the ropes, despite popular belief that he once got himself knocked out there.

The old matchmaker from two diverse places, Ridgewood Grove and the Garden, Johnny Attell often told this story.

"I was in Philadelphia, it was in 1917," Attell reported, "Willie Jackson was fighting Dundee. 'Speedy Oscar' (Jackson's real name was Oscar Tobler) was scared of what Dundee would do and right away Dundee backed him to the ropes. Dundee started a left hook and, in desperation, Jackson threw a right. Jackson wasn't any more of a puncher than Dundee but he must have landed in the right spot. Dundee wobbled but he held on.

"Doc Bagley (he was in Jackson's corner) could see Dundee's eyes rolling and yelled to Jackson, 'Pull away, pull away.' When Willie finally got free, Dundee fell back and his chin caught on the lowest rope and he hung that way while he was counted out."

It was a freak. They fought nine times after that and Jackson never came close to flooring Dundee again.

As often happened, a ring mannerism was imitated. Bushy Graham, later the New York-recognized bantam champion, copied Dundee's springboard leaping. Other young hopefuls aped the Dundee trick.

But the purest skill of them all was Lou Ambers'. I saw him come up and saw him fade. He was a lightweight champion in an era of giants. Tony Canzoneri and Henry Armstrong were his league. The distinguishing mark was his style. Up against the ropes he rushed to stay there and to fight there. He didn't have power but he had guts to an inordinate degree and went far with his only weapon, a short, left hook, really an uppercut.

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The memory which has to stand out is the recollection of his two fights with Armstrong, the legendary Hammering Hank who held three titles at one time, featherweight, welterweight and lightweight, in that order.

You must remember Armstrong was an irresistible force. Game little Ambers had to supply the immovable object. Backed to the ropes, Lou kept up a jiggling, bouncing pace against inhuman pressure. Ambers provided tempo for 15 rounds with Armstrong in their first fight but Henry had the power and won it.

They used to say that Ambers had the gamest manager in the world, Al Weill, but as Al said, "he's got the style, I've got the figuration all figured out, I've got a return" for next outdoor season. And Ambers was there, against the searing, burning ropes and against Armstrong.

Again they went 15 rounds down the wire. It is memorable that the referee, Arthur Donovan, took five rounds away from Henry for low punching etc. and enabled Ambers to jiggle and hop his way to the title again.

The rope trick had paid off. With variations, it's back again. And it's in good hands too. Muhammad Ali will nurture it.

JEWISH MIDDLEWEIGHT ROSSMAN REVIVES MEMORIES OF ROSS

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close and yet so far away, the great prospect that brings a once in a lifetime joy to a father.

Mike, the boy who was at the supper table every day, will always be the greatest fighter that Daddy Jimmy will ever have the pleasure of managing.

Co-manager and trainer Carmen Graziano has inculcated in this very fine machine a method of boxing that is more mental then physical and it becomes apparent with each contest.

Already some sportswriters are comparing Mike to Barney Ross and Benny Leonard. Mike has the ability to read the inadequacies and vulnerability of his opponent very quickly, then pull out of his very sizeable repertoire those tools which prove most devastating and execute in such a smooth rhythmical manner almost like the beat of a drum on his opponent's head and body.

It is beautiful to watch young Rossman execute almost flawless feinting, leading, counter-punching, stalking and setting up his opponent for the kill. In one of his fights in Madison Square Garden, Mike got a greater ovation than Rodrigo Valdes the W.B.C. champion. He put on one of the greatest boxing exhibitions ever witnessed in Madison Square Garden. This neophyte, who is maturing very rapidly, literally destroyed a very strong and good opponent by the name of Mike Morgan. Rossman doesn't just win the fight but wins every round with an overwhelming superiority that is awesome.

It is necessary to comment here that it is almost incredible to believe Rossman has inflicted so much damage upon his opponents and he comes out completely unscathed.

When Rossman showers and dresses after eight exhausted rounds it would be extremely difficult to guess that he was one of the participants in the bout.

In four of his most recent bouts, all of which were at Madison Square Garden, he has very easily defeated Ray Hernandez, winning all six rounds; Mike Baker, winning five out of eight rounds; Nate Dixon, winning four rounds and knocking out Dixon in the fourth round; and Irish Mike Morgan, winning all eight rounds so easily and convincing that his superiority was definitely established. You will note here that young Mike won 23 of 26 rounds. This feat was accomplished against rather rough opposition and there will be many more that will succumb to the drumming of the mentally stimulated fist of "The Jewish Jolter," Mike Rossman.

ARGUELLO STOPS OLIVARES IN 13

INGLEWOOD, CALIF. — Alexis Arguello is the new featherweight champion of the world, if you want to take the word of the WBA for it.

Arguello knocked out Ruben Olivares with a solid left hook in the 13th round in the Forum and presented a new rival for Bobby Chacon, WBC choice, for the featherweight championship of the world.

Arguello's victory was a surprise to the thousands of Olivares fans in the California-Mexico areas.

Arguello is from Nicaragua, the first boxer to climb to a class pinnacle in the history of the sport in that country.

Arguello is 22 years of age, weighs 124½.

Olivares, 125½, had been losing on points when, in the 13th round, he was hammered to the canvas.

Ruben got up at the count of eight but a few punches later he hit the deck for good.

As a result there still are two feather title holders and a battle between Chacon and Arguello is necessary to decide the issue.

The Nicaraguan was in fine shape and made a fine impression on the customers.

MIKE BAKER HANGS KO ON ZAHODI IN SECOND

By EDWARD SCULLEN

Alexandria, Va. — Promoter Paul Tibbs returned to the familiar Alexandria Roller Rink with a four bout card. The fans were treated to an early night as no bout went past the third round.

In the main event, middleweight Irish Mike Baker, fighting out of Hillcrest Heights, Md., upped his record to 22-3-1, knocking out Sam Zahodi at 33 seconds of the second round after having his opponent on the canvas in the first frame.

Junior welter 'Blue' Walker, Washington, D.C., KO'ed Bobby Strickland, Cincinnati, at 1:12 of the second.

Light heavy Matt Franklin, Cincinnati, turned the tables on local fighter Smokey Joe Middleton, stopping Middleton on a cut at 1:32 of round two.

Comebacking District Heights, Md. middleweight Buddy Boggs TKO'ed Cincinatti's Larry Adkins in the third round.

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WOODS STOPS SANTOS AS SASKATOON REVIVES GAME

By JIMMY JOHNSTON

Saskatoon, Sask.—Pro boxing returned to Saskatoon after a lapse of 13 years. In the feature Bobby Woods, of Vancouver, 185, stopped Caribbo Kid Santosi at 2:36 of the second round.

Santosi weighed 179. After an even first round Woods went on the offensive, scoring with several hard rights and floored the "Kid" for the full count with a right to the solar plexus.

In the co-feature George Jerome, of Winnipeg, won the Western Canada heavyweight title when he stopped Hughie Mercier, of Edmonton, in the sixth heat. Jerome scaled 228 to 230 for Mercier.

The two battled on even terms for four rounds with little to choose between them. In the fifth Jerome floored Mercier with a left hook to the body and a short right to the chin for a nine count.

In the sixth Jerome decked Mercier with a right to the jaw at 1:30 of the round for the full count. Jerome's record is now 7-3-1.

Rocky Mosley, of Seattle, edged out Irish Tony Dowling, Vancouver, in an interesting middleweight bout over six rounds. In the opener Gamblin Gav went four rounds to a draw with Jersey Joe in a flyweight bout.

Vancouver's Les Vegas journey to Seattle to watch the Kirkman-Lyle bout and ended up filling in for a prelim. Les was stopped by Larry Smith in one heat.

Mickey McMillan is reported to be returning to ring action at 140 pounds at Kamloops, B.C.

Bobby Woods outpointed Sonny Roy over eight rounds. Calgary heavy Earl McLeay was stopped by Mani Vaka in two at Honolulu recently.

ANTUOFERMO UPSETS GRIFFITH

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polished off Roy Taylor, from New York, 129, the loser being dropped for an eight count and was all in when the bell rang. He was so groggy, referee Kronowitz called it off, with Valdez a TKO winner in three. In the other six, Ron Gibbons of New York, 147, won a unanimous duke from Orestes Lebron, from Manubo, P.R., 148.

As for the four spots, both going the distance, Henry Ocasio, from Isabela, P.R., 139, won a majority decision over Joe Grier, Paterson, N.J., 141, while Dennis Taglianetti, 146, captured a unanimous duke over Hugo Valesquez, Jersey City, N.J., 142½.

ALI RATES LISTON HARDEST

(Continued from page 7)

Jimmy, who probably knew me and my moves better than I knew myself, was as smart as they came. He had pride and was a world champion too.

For seven or eight rounds, Jimmy gave me fits. He darted in and out and kept me under pressure with a good scientific fight. I started getting to him about the ninth round and the referee stopped it in the 12th.

Up jumped Joe Frazier again and as you can guess, it was another tough one but I wound up with the decision this time.

Joe was still his relentless self as he seemed to get stronger as the fight went on. I thought I had him going early in the fight but there was a little mixup with the bell and the ref stepped in too early.

The fight was a good one and Joe remains high on my list in more ways than one. We are even at one and one and maybe someday we can have the rubber match to settle the score. Joe would like that too.

Those are ten, which I was asked for but there are more that seem to belong in that top ten.

CHARLEY ROSE DEAD AT 88, MANAGER, TRAINER, PROMOTER

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Charley Rose, who would have been 89 had he lived until March 4, is dead. Rose was known in boxing circles on both sides of the Atlantic, as a manager, trainer and promoter.

Rose, who lived in the President Hotel, was smoking a cigar when his clothes caught fire. He died of smoke inhalation.

Charley deserves a lot more attention than he can get within this small space. His death came too late for more extended treatment in this issue but this will be compensated for in the March Ring.

Jerry Quarry, in our first fight in Atlanta, was coming on strong in the third when I stopped him on a cut. But that was my first fight back after the layoff and Quarry was probably too tough a choice. I was very fortunate to have had the fight stopped on a cut, which was a bad one.

Joe Bugner, the European champion, gave me a tough 12-round decision fight in Las Vegas. That's another one that people figured would be easy but Bugner was determined, clever and fast.

Mac Foster gave me a gruelling 15 rounds in Tokyo, Japan, that had to be one of my toughest fights from a physical standpoint.

Alvin "Blue" Lewis, whom I stopped in 11 in Dublin, Ireland, gave me much more trouble than I ever bargained for. I did have a bad cold going into the fight but that's no excuse. Lewis was a good heavyweight who needed more breaks.

Speaking about tough, I don't know who was ever tougher on me physically than "Granite Jaw" George Chuvalo. He gave me two tough distance fights for a total of 25 rounds and took everything I had to dish out and kept coming for more.

Henry Cooper, one of England's greatest, sat me on my pants in London and was without a doubt one of the best I had met. His big trouble was his tissue-paper skin.

Ernie Terrell, who's now making it as a singer with his own group, gave a tough account of himself against me at the Astrodome for the undisputed world championship in a fight I won over the 15-round distance.

As I said, they were all tough. I've never really had an easy one.

There will be more tough fights in the ring for me. But my toughest of all fights is still to come when I retire from boxing. That will be the continued fight to help my people.

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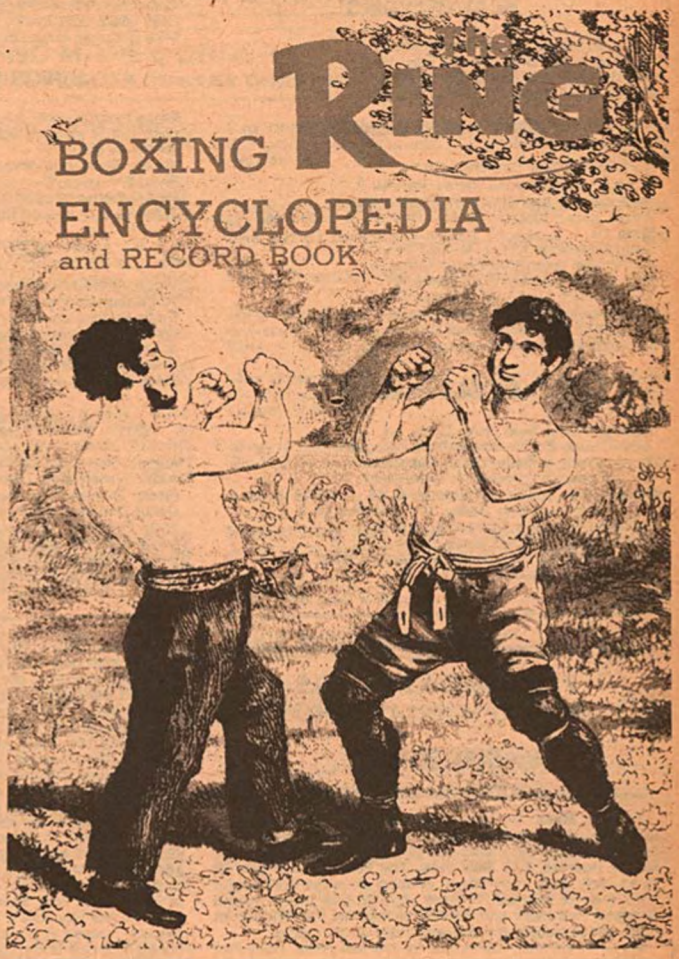

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WORLD-WIDE FIGHT RESULTS

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HEAVYWEIGHTS

Oscar Bonavena kayoed Mani Vaka, 5.
Joe Bugner outpointed Jimmy Ellis, 10.
Bob Stallings beat Earnie Shavers, 10.
Scott LaDoux won from Lou Rogan, 10.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Tom Bethea beat Tom Bogs, 10.
Bobby Cassidy kayoed Randy Stevens, 5.
Rudi Lubbers beat Avenamar Peralta, disq. 4.
Alvaro Lopez stopped Bobby Rascon, 6, outpointed Hildo Silva, 10.
Doug Demmings halted Donnie Stark, 2.
Don Wigfall outpointed Harold Carter, 6.
Bob Stewart won from Ken Jones, 6.
Karl Zurheide beat Andy Kendall, 10.
Ray Elson kayoed Ray Hernandez, 3.
Chris Elliott beat D.C. Walker, 6.
Pedro Soto defeated Gary Summerhayes, 8.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Rodrigo Valdez beat Vinnie Curto, 10.
Jean-Claude Bouttier halted Gary Broughton, 7.
Bobby Watts defeated Willie Monroe, 10.
Kevin Finnegan outpointed Frank Reiche, 10.
Rudy Robles decisioned Dave Love, 10.
Paul Poirier beat Gary Bailey, 10, Cutis Phillips, 8.
Reinaldo Oliviera outpointed Ernie Witcher, 6.
Marvin Hagler kayoed Morris Jordan, 4.
John L. Sullivan decisioned Jose Martin Flores, 10.
Ike Shipman halted Bob Heverly, 4.
Chris Black kayoed Reggie Jones, 1.
Larry Giello beat Johnny Williams, 4.
Mike Rossman outpointed Mike Morgan, 8.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Elisha Obed kayoed John Rico, 2, beat Renato Garcia, 10.
Jose Duran stopped Johan Orsolics, 14, E.B.U. junior middleweight title.
Jackie Smith outpointed Paul Osborne, 10, halted Walter Riley, 3.
Paul Osborne stopped Al Romano, 4.
Tony Gardner kayoed Bobby Brooks, 2.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Vito Antuofermo defeated Emile Griffith, 10.
Angel Espada kayoed Hector Rivas, 2.
Eddie Perkins lost to Shoji Tsujimoto, 10.
John Stracey stopped Ernie Lopez, 7.
Jose Carabello beat Jim Henry, 10.
Wilfredo Benitez halted Terry Summerhayes, 6.
Dave Huckaby outpointed Larry Butler, 10.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

Antonio Cervantes kayoed Shinchi Kadota, 8, retained World Junior Welterweight Title.
Hector Thompson stopped Alfonso Frazier, 7.
Carlos Giminez beat Andries Steyn, 10.
Tony Petronelli outpointed Benny Huertas, 12, American Junior Welterweight Title.
Pedro Fernandez halted Winston Noel, 4.
Emiliano Villa beat Leonico Ortiz, 10.
Monroe Brooks decisioned Octavio Amparan, 10.
Kid Carpin kayoed Adolph Marte, 5.
Rolando Martinez beat Radamas Checo, 10.
Frankie Benitez stopped Johnny Summerhayes, 6.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Ken Buchanan stopped Winston Noel, 2.
Ray Lunny III and Ben Villaflor, T.D. 6.
Anthony Morodi beat Jim Watts, 10.
Hector Medina kayoed Tino Falcon, 3.
Hugo Barazza halted Carlos Foldo, 7.
Randy Shields defeated Dave Kibby, 10.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Memo Cruz beat Alfredo Escalera, 10.
Sammy Goss lost to Happy Boy Mgxaji, 10.
Samuel Serrano outpointed Memo Cruz, 10.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Alex Arguello stopped Ruben Olivares, 13, to win W.B.A. title.
Art Hafey kayoed Alfredo Medrano, 8.
Carlos Beccerril halted Fidel Fraijo, 3.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Paul Ferreri beat Jim West, 10.
Dave Vasquez outpointed Earl Large, 10.
Bobby Lee Hunter decisioned Willie Wilson, 6.
Joe Guevara stopped Rafael Lopez, 6.

FLYWEIGHTS

Fritz Chervet beat Mariano Garcia, 8.

PETRONELLI KEEPS TITLE BEATING HUERTAS IN HUB

By DON HAMILL

Boston, Mass. — Tony Petronelli, 139, Brockton, successfully defended his North American junior welterweight title, with a unanimous twelve round decision over Benny Huertas, 140, New York. The Puerto Rican got off to an early lead. Tony began coming on in the third round with a good left jab. A solid right in the fourth round dropped Petronelli and he had to call on his defense to keep out of trouble for the remainder of the round.

Again in the sixth round and for the rest of the bout, Petronelli scored with a solid jab and outpunched Huertas in the exchanges. The latter appeared to be waiting for another big opening that never came.

In the back-up bout of six rounds, Larry Hafey, 150, Halifax, N.S., outmaneuvered and outscored Curtis Phillips, 150, New York, to edge out a split decision. The bout was shown only to the studio audience.

▲**West Hartford** — Dave Hickaby, 149, Hartford, inmate at the Somers Correctional Prison, stepped in as a substitute for Frankie Davilla, and upset Larry Butler, 147, Portland, New England welterweight champion, in a non-title ten round bout. It was a see-saw battle with each taking turns on the offensive. Huckaby's heavier punching power and more sustained attack carried him thru to a clear cut decision. Butler suffered cuts over both eyes.

Jose (Pagan) Rivera, 147, Lowell, appeared on his way to a win over Jeff Holmes, 147, New York, when an exciting inexperienced referee, prematurely halted the bout when Rivera was momentarily stunned. It gave Holmes a four round TKO win.

Donnie Nelson, 137, Hartford, stopped Frank Maldonado, 134, Lawrence, in the second heat of a four rounder. In other fours: Jesse Bender, 155, Somers, eked out a close decision over Cove Green, 157, Bridgeport; Dana McCarthy, 167, Bristol, scored a couple of knockdowns in edging Jerry Cabollero, 165, New York; and Roberto Medina, 135, Brockton, stopped Jose Ortiz, 133, Lowell, in the fourth round of the opener.

▲**Boston Garden** — Matt Donovan, 157, Trinidad, relied on a good left jab to pile up points and earn a ten round split decision over Mike Baker, 158, Spartansburg, S.C. The Southerner, who had boxed successfully in New England rings during the past two years, was cut over both eyes. Donovan was a substitute.

Saoul Mamby, 141½, New York, had an easy time disposing of Johnny Howard, 139, Richmond, Va. in the sixth round. Mamby, making his New England debut, was impressive.

▲**Brockton** — Marvin Hagler, 162, Brockton, New England middleweight title holder, thrilled the hometown fans by stopping Morris Jordan, 160, Dayton, O., in the fourth round. Hagler enjoyed a good workout for three rounds before he stepped up the pace in the fourth round and scored the knockout with a hard left to the head.

Jose Carabello, 142, Hartford, seems to have found himself. He turned in a nifty performance in taking a ten round split decision over Jim Henry, 144, New York and Montreal. Carabello doggedly piled up points with a hard left hook which he alternated to head and body.

▲**Pittsfield** — Paul Osborne, 154, Lowell, laid claim to the New England junior middleweight championship by stopping Al Romano, 150, North Adams, in four rounds. Condition and determination brought Osborne the win. Starting with the second round Osborne took control of the fight with a sustained attack. Romano was knocked thru the ropes at the end of round three. He had little defense in the fourth and referee Pete Mancuso wisely called a halt.

Bob Stewart, 174, Amsterdam, N.Y., former National A.A.U. titleholder, had his hands full with hard hitting Kenny Jones, 168, Somers, in taking a unanimous decision in a stirring six round setto. Joe Hadley, 160, Catskill, N.Y., made short work of Gene Olton, 154, Springfield, whom he kayoed in the first round of the four round opener. Olton's name has been erronously spelled Orten in the past. Steward and Hadley are handled by Cus D'Amato.

▲**Portland** — Jimmy Lopez, 129, Lawrence, New England featherweight champion, won handily over Jose Resto, 134, New York, in ten. Lopez controlled the bout from the start, scoring well with fast combinations that put Resto somewhat on the defensive.

Danny Fryman, 136, Lowell, knocked out L. C. Mack, 138, New York, in the final round of the six round semi-final. An amateur bout rounded out the live card.

▲**Walpole** — Hard-punching Ricky Wynn, 217, Norton, scored his fourth knockout in five pro bouts by stopping Bob Haye, 190, Mansfield, O., in the second round. The bout was slated for ten rounds.

Reinaldo Oliviera, 158, West Wareham, outhustled Ernie Witcher, 158, Cleveland, in a six rounder. Gaeton Hart, 143, Buffalo, won a split decision in six rounds over Roberto Medina, 135, North Easton. One of the judges voted a draw. In six, Fred Boynton, 147, Asbury Park, N.J., scored a second round knockout over Joe Houston, 147, Lowell.

▲**Worcester** — Paul Poirier, 160, New Bedford, has caught on with the Worcester fans. He headed his fourth show and scored his fifth straight win in the central Massachusetts city. He scored a unanimous eight round decision over Curtis Phillips, 152, New York. He won every round and piled up a big point spread. Phillips was cut over the right eye in the fifth round and was hurt but called on his experience and ring savvy to survive.

Jackie Smith, 159, Brockton, stopped Walter Riley, 153, New York, in the third round of the six-round semi-final. In the only other live bout, Dornell Wigfall, 170, Brockton, edged out a six round split decision over Harold Carter, 173, Cleveland. The bout was cut to two minute rounds to make necessary time for the telecast.

▲**Waterbury** — Pablo Rodriguez, 145, Holyokel handed Steve Toomey, 142, Waterbury, his first defeat by taking a clear cut six round decision in the main event of a new talent show. Rodriguez had too much ring generalship for the local youngster. The visitor took every round, beating Toomey to the punch, and scoring with good combinations.

Chris Elliot, 164, Irish representative in the 1972 Olympics and now fighting out of Patterson, N.J., was stiffly tested by D. C. Walker, 160, New Haven and Somers, in the six round semi-final.

Donnie Nelson, 134, Hartford, took a six round decision in a good action bout with Nelson Alvarado, 132, Lowell. Bobby Walker, 181, Stamford and Somers, turned in a nifty performance in taking a four round duke over Kenny Jones, 177, New Haven and Somers. Vinnie DeBorros, 134, Waterbury, was awarded a third round TKO when Lee Green, 137, Hartford, was unable to come out for third round because of a broken nose.

Eric Pagan, 152, Lowell, was a TKO winner over Frankie Williams, 150, Ansonia, who was unable to answer the bell for round three. It marked the pro debuts of both scrappers.

▲**Worcester** — Jackie Smith, 155, Brockton, lifted the New England junior middleweight crown from Paul Osborne, 154, Burlington, Mass., with a unanimous ten round decision. The bout was fairly even for eight rounds. The ninth round was a big one for Smith as he battered Osbotne freely scoring with a solid right time after time. Osborne appeared to be recovering in the tenth when a solid right to the chin dropped him and he had trouble lasting the round.

Paul Poirier, 158, New Bedford, pounded out a clear cut eight round decision over Gary Bailey, 160, New York. Bailey taunted Paul but it failed to help him as he lost every round to the youngster. Jose Resto, 134, New York, outhustled Jose Carlos Garcia, 137, Worcesterite incarcerated at Norfolk. Garcia lacked his usual strength in dropping the eight round decision on all cards.

Joe Houston, 143, Lowell, scored three knockdowns in atoning for a defeat at the hands of L. C. Mack, 140, New York, by taking a four round decision. Mack had stopped Houston in their earlier fight.

▲**Brockton** — Marvin Hagler, 155, New England middleweight titlist, barely worked up a sweat in his tune-up fight for his upcoming fight with Sugar Ray Seales, by flattening George Green, 150, New York, in 30 seconds of the first round. The New Yorker went down and out with the first hard punch, a straight left to the jaw.

Dornell Wigfall, 166, Brockton, anxious for a rematch with Hagler, stopped Joe Borden, 169, New Glasgow, N.S., in the fifth round.

Borden decided to retire after having been dropped for the second time in the bout.

Ricky Wynn, 217, Norton, won on a sixth round TKO over George Brown, 192, Ottawa, when Referee Ed Pasquini stopped the bout as the helpless Brown was going down for the second time. Chris Pina, 160, Randolph and Norfolk, picked up an easy six round unanimous decision over Ernie Witcher, 159, Cleveland, in a lopsided uninteresting bout. Larry Hafey, 150, Halifax, N.S., had too much ring experience for Reinaldo Oliveira, 154, West Wareham, and scored a clear cut unanimous decision in six rounds of a good action bout.

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WORLD RATINGS

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Bugner has become one of those stopgap fighters, ready to battle anybody from Muhammad Ali and George Foreman down.

Oscar Bonavena made a bid for something better than No. 4 by beating an unknown wonder from Tonga named Vaka but the raters did not think much of the feat.

The middleweight class recently broke into the society column when world champion Carlos Monzon arrived in Miami Beach accompanied by an Argentine beauty.

Monzon's interests appear to be moving fast from the ring to the movies, in which he has had an acting part occasionally.

All we need to muddle the already muddled title situation is for Carlos to announce his retirement as a fighter.

Examination of the welters fails to display the name of Eddie Perkins.

When last seen in the ratings, Perkins was in the No. 9 spot. But the Old Man has tired of the arena and it would not surprise the raters if he would say farewell. He has had a remarkable career.

The lightweight class needs much more action by Roberto Duran, the champion from Panama.

DE FAZIO RATES RESPECT AS TITLE PROSPECT

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and Lucas went down. His face battered, his body weary, he could not marshal the strength to get up. At 2:18 of the sixth round, Jeff Lucas was counted out.

Following his battle with Lucas, DeFazio returned to his Illionois soil, blasting out fellow Chicagoan Franklin Wilson in two.

Journeying back to Las Vegas, the miniature Marciano, as sports writers dubbed him, suffered his first setback. He was held to a 10-round draw by veteran Mexican portsider Rosario Zavala.

"I tried to box him," said DeFazio, "and that is just not my style. Also, I got tired, I had never gone 10 rounds before."

On June 13, 1973, Rocky fought Bob Smith. After looking good in the first round, Smith, sporting a record of 17 wins, five losses and two draws, failed to survive the second.

Two weeks later, DeFazio became the first man ever to knock out Frankie Kolovart, turning the trick in two rounds.

Back in Chicago, DeFazio's exploits had not gone unnoticed. Promoter Ben Bentley matched him with another localite, Jimmy Carter. Early in the first round Carter staggered Rocky with a left hook and floored him with a right to the head.

Carter then pounced on top of him and began pummeling him while he was down. Referee Stan Berg intervened, applying a choke hold in order to restrain Carter from inflicting further damage. Berg then disqualified the 31-year-old veteran and awarded the victory to DeFazio.

Witnessing this extraordinary series of events, the crowd went berserk. Chairs were sent sailing into the air and incensed spectators began storming the ring in an effort to get Carter.

In an attempt to quell the disturbance, DeFazio offered to continue, but Carter declined, citing an injury to his neck suffered from a thrown chair as his reason. Following his refusal to continue, Jimmy Carter and his cornermen required a police escort to leave the ring.

"The papers were making this guy out to be some kind of superman or something. I just lost my head," lamented Carter, after the bout, from the safety of a police car.

Meanwhile, widespread fighting had broken out among the fans. Over 100 police had to arrive on the scene before order was restored. The next day news of the riot was splattered on the front pages of newspapers. The film of the brief affair was shown repeatedly on television. Unquestionably, it was the most controversial bout to take place in Chicagoland since the Dempsey-Tunney "Long Count" of 1927.

Returning once again to the friendlier confines of Las Vegas, DeFazio took on promising Larry Shelton. For nine rounds Shelton displayed the moves reminiscent of a young Ray Robinson. He exhibited a beautiful left hand and successfully tied his stronger opponent up in the clinches.

Behind on points as the bell rang for round 10, DeFazio nailed the elusive Shelton with a left hook. Larry went down flat on his back. Staggering up and virtually defenseless with less than 15 seconds remaining in the fight, Shelton sought refuge against the ropes. DeFazio moved in landing a jarring left hook, then a barrage of punches. Shelton fell over backwards, his head hitting the ring support. As he crashed senseless to the deck the bell rang ending the fight. Under Nevada rules, the count does not continue after the bell, so the bout was declared a draw.

In the ring, Dr. Donald Romeo worked feverishly trying to revive the unconscious fighter, but to no avail. Shelton was then transported to Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital where he regained consciousness hours later.

In DeFazio's dressing room everyone was very solemn. "I didn't want to hurt that kid," said Rocky, a towel partially covering his swollen, battered face. "It is nothing personal when I'm fighting a guy, it's just my job. This wouldn't have happened if his manager or the referee had stopped it after the first knockdown."

Returning to action after the Shelton affair, Rocky avenged the draw suffered at the hands of Rosario Zavala. He became the first man ever to knock the gutty Mexican down, beating him decisively in 10 rounds. Two months later he knocked out Frank Kolovart again, this time in four rounds.

On February 14, 1974, DeFazio was one of the recipients of the coveted Frank Leahy Award. It was established in 1971 to honor individuals who best exemplify Leahy's qualities of excellence, dedication and patriotism. The award was presented to Rocky by a well-known former boxing coach at Yale who later moved to Washington, D.C. His name — Gerald R. Ford.

The next night, DeFazio returned to action, butchering Nick "The Bull" Peoples in five rounds. The fight was stopped due to a broken collarbone suffered by the Ohioian. One inevitable question raised regarding the stocky 5'7", 156-pounder's future is, "can he win the middleweight title?"

"Considering he has beaten tough boys like 'Songbird' Williams, Don Boulter, Alfonso Gonzalez, I think he's got the stuff to go all the way," says Joe Granatta, matchmaker of the Grand Rand Boxing Club.

"He's the hottest thing to come out of Chicago since Johnny Bratton," exclaimed veteran Chicago fight figure Ben Bentley.

DeFazio's title chances are something many people have pondered. It is a question that can be answered only in time. But one thing is undeniable, with a record of 19 wins, no losses and two draws, Victor Salvatore Rocco DeFazio is one guy Carlos Monzon better keep his eye on

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▲**Metan (Salta)** — In the light division Hugo Burgos and Salvador Ojeda drew in 10.

▲**Cordoba** — In the middle class veteran middle weight Ramon La Cruz and Roberto Marziali drew in 10.

▲**Corrientes** — Oscar Campagna beat Octavio Escauriza in 10. They are middles.

▲**Curuzu Cuatia** — In the welter class Rogelio Zarza whipped Miguel A. Fernandez in 10 rounds.

▲**San Pedro** — Good prospect in fly division Carlos Leyes won Miguel Muñoz in 10.

▲**San Juan** — In the middle class Hugo Corro won Ruben Martinez by a TKO in five, in the bantam division undefeated Rolando Lahoz by a TKO in the fourth round and Roberto Juncos and Roberto Aballay drew in 6 with Pedro Colman.

▲**Sálta** — In the middle class Mario Benitez, from Uruguay, beat Hugo Trujillo in 10.

▲**Parana** — Argentine and South America light heavyweight champion Victor Galindez kayoed Domingo Silveira, from Uruguay, in the 4th and in the same weight, undefeated Estelio Franco kayoed Oscar Butiche in the third.

▲**Comodoro Rivadavia** — In the welter class Luis H. Cabral outpointed Hugo Salega in 10.

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▲**Isla Verde** — Angel Gusmaroli kayoed Victor Pereyra in the first round. They are middles and in the same weight Francisco Cardozo won Luis Sosa in 8.

▲**La Consulta** — In the light class Dionivel Da Silva, from Brasil, won Abraham Valenzuela in 8 rounds.

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▲**Buenos Aires** — At the Luna Park ring, world middle champion Carlos Monzon kayoed Tony Mundine in the seventh round. Record receipts: 202 million of Argentine old money.

▲**Buenos Aires** — At the Unidos de Pompeya ring middle Hugo Saavedra whipped Rodolfo Rosales in 10.

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▲**Chacabuco** — Vicente Martinez beat Sergio Maldonado in 10. They are Welters Jr.

▲**Trelew** — In the welter class undefeated Daniel Gonzalez won easily over Roberto Rizziardi in the third round.

▲**Santa Rosa** — Argentine welter champion Miguel Angel Campanino beat Carlos Peralta by a medical decision in the third round and reattained his crown. Undefeated light weight Justino Heredia beat Norberto Silvero in 8.

▲**Resistencia** — Ramon Benitez whipped Tomas Lima in 10. They are lights jr.

▲**Huinca Renanco** — In the light class Julio Campagna won Gregorio Villavicencio by a technical decision in the seventh round.

3G**Monte Maiz** — In the welter class Rene Campos and Luis Sosa drew in 10.

▲**Puerto Madryn** — In the middle class Mario Delgado kayoed Juan Barrientos in the seventh round.

▲**Buenos Aires** — Undefeated in the welter class Ceferino Morales beat Julio Luis Jorge in 10.

▲**Resistencia** — In the light class Nicolas Arkuszyn beat Ramón Duarte in 12 and retained the local light title.

▲**Villa Maria** — In the welter division Jorge Allasia won Osvaldo Mendoza by a TKO in five and in the middle class Ramon Feldman kayoed Jorge Heredia in the fourth.

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▲**Salta** — In the light class Carlos Ibañez beat Ramon Moreyra in 10 and the feather division Hipolito Muñoz won Armando Riveros by a TKO in the first.

▲**La Paz** — In the feather class Ruben Granados kayoed Luis Pintos in the 8th round.

▲**S.C. Bariloche** — Argentine middle jr. champion Miguel Angel Castellini won Manuel Tapia, from Chile in six. Non title bout.

▲**Dean Funes** — In the welter class Manuel Frias kayoed Rodolfo Madriaga in 4.

▲**San Salvador de Jujuy** — In the light class Angel Diaz, from Bolivia, won Juan Herrera by disqualification in six.

▲**Tunuyan (Mendoza)** — Undefeated in the feather class Mario Ortiz won Hugo Melgarejo from Uruguay in 10 and in the welter class Diolevir da Silva from Brasil won Ismael Pavon in 8.

BUGNER BEATS ELLIS, HOLLERS FOR MATCH WITH ALI

LONDON, England—Joe Bugner, heavyweight champion of Europe, achieved nothing very astonishing when he banged out a ten-round decision over American Jimmy Ellis at Wembley Pool.

The fight was not a rouser. But Bugner came out of it exultant and hollering for a tussle with Muhammad Ali.

It is conceivable that for want of nothing better to do, Ali will spend an evening with Bugner. But if this event comes through it will be attended by more fans who want to see Muhammad than by fans who will come with the hope that Joe will beat the new champion of the world.

Sid Nathan was the referee of the Bugner-Ellis affair and he gave it to Joe by 100 to 96.

Ellis suffered a cut over the right eye which required seven stitches.

A more serious injury hit Kevin Finnegan, the middleweight champion of Europe. He got a broken jaw in the seventh round of his fight with Frank Reiche, of Germany. However, game Kevin went right on and outpointed his man.

▲**Tandil** — Alfredo Cicopiedi beat Rafael Lascano, from Uruguay, in nine. They are middles.

▲**La Banda (Santiago del Estero)** — In the light division Martin Leiva beat Oscar Tapia in 8 by a medical decision.

▲**Metan (Salta)** — In the middle class Hugo Trujillo won Juan Cuellar by disqualification in the 4th round.

▲**Parana (Entre Rios)** — In the middle class Ramon "Clay" Perez won Miguel A. Duro by a TKO in the fourth.

▲**Tandil** — In the welter class Juan J. Gimenez beat Miguel Lira, from Uruguay, aby a TKO in the fourth round.

▲**Gualeguay** — In the feather division Oscar Argañaraz kayoed Luis Ibarra in the second round.

▲**Buenos Aires** — On the ring of Unidos de Pompeya, good prospect in the fly weight and undefeated Rodolfo Rodriguez, won Juan C. Rios in 10.

▲**Bahia Blanca** — In the welter division Ramon Perez beat Luis H. Cabral in 10 and in the light class Omar Carcamo beat Julio C. Obregon by a TKO in the 4th round.

▲**Rosario** — For the local middle title Octavio Escauriza beat Angel Gusmaroli by a KO in the 5th round and retained his crown. In the light class undefeated Carlos Portillo won Ricardo Rivarola in 8 rounds.

▲**San Juan** — In the middle division Ramon La Cruz and Orlando Nasul drew in 10.

▲**Cordoba** — In the bantam division Julio C. Saba beat Ruben Ramirez in 10.

▲**Posadas** — Feather weight Ramon Gonzales beat Argentine light champion Pedro Aguero in 10. Non title bout.

▲**Tandil** — In the light class Juan Alderete won Pedro Tellez in 6.

▲**Monte Maiz** — In the light division Armando Bustos undefeated Ramon Araujo in 10 rounds.

▲**Mendoza** — Manuel Gonzalez won Hugo Obregon in 10. They are middles jr.

▲**Gonzalez Chavez** — Good prospect undefeated in the fly class Carlos Escalante kayoed Antonio Gomez in the fourth round.

▲**Corral de Bustos** — In the middle class Francisco Cardozo and Hugo Ibarra drew in 10 and in the light class Jose Filippi and Jose Rodriguez drew too in 10.

▲**Buenos Aires** — At the Unidos de Pompeya ring and in the welter class Anibal Di Lella and Rogelio Zarza drew in 10.

▲**Resostencia** — In the welter class Miguel A. Fernandez beat Carlos Villalba in 10 rounds.

▲**San Juan** — In the feather class Juan R. Reyes outpointed Rodolfo Calderolli in 10 and in the same class Arnoldo Rios won Martin Lobos in 6 rounds.

VILLA DOUBLE CHAMPION, SCORES OVER MENDEZ

By LUIS GONZALEZ V. LAGOVIN

Bogota, Colombia — Boxing fans here were not surprised by Antonio Cervantes' KO of Shinichi Kadota in Japan. Their one regret is that the fight took place in Tokyo. They would have wanted it fought right here in Colombia. Perhaps the champion's next defense will be in his homeland.

▲**Cartagena** — Emiliano Villa, Barranquilla southpaw, is the new junior welterweight champion of Colombia, in place of Cartagena's Milton Mendez. Villa, is lightweight champion too.

Emiliano Villa acquired the lightweight title in Barranquilla on June 8, 1973, when he decisioned Andres "Lumumba" Salgado in twelve rounds.

Villa tipped the beam at 139 while Mendez also weighed 139.

Mendez, the ex-champion, lasted only three rounds. The fight hardly got started when Emiliano belted a right to the solar plexus and Mendez crumpled like an opera hat that had been sat on. Just what Mendez has in mind is not known. He was supposed to fight Villa but announced that he had been injured in training and could not keep the engagement.

Ex-olympic Clemente Rojas, debuted in pro and won Rigoberto Pertuz by K.O. in the second.

Luis Matta, 110, Venezuela, knocked out Ricardo Mercado, 107, in the first round.

Prudencio Cardona, flyweight of San Basilio de Palenque, lost his first bout with Henry Diaz, in eight rounds, unanimous decision.

Raul "Huracan" Silva, 126, Nicaragua, beat Colombian Armando Perez, who lost his Unconquered rating in ten rounds.

▲**Bogota** — Isaac Smith, Medellin, 124-4/5, knocked out 3 Alejandro Salinas, 125-4/5, at 1:34.

Benjamin Villarreal, Medellin, 110-1/5, T.K.O'd Manuel "Pato" Rios, Cartagena, 112, when Rios ignored the bell for the second.

Carlos Obregon, 147-3/5, knocked out at 1:18 of the second round Narciso "zurdo" Ortiz, 145, Cartagena.

Fernando Bustos, 124-2/5, decked in the third and lost with Jacob Torres, 124, Buenaventura, in unanimous decision in 8 rounds.

Rafael Piamonte, welter of Tunja, debuted and gained by knock out in the second over Omar Amaya, Cartagena, in The Salitre Coliseum.

▲**Barranquilla** — Andres "Lumumba" Salgado, lightweight of San Basilio de Palenque, fulmined ex-ranked Enrique Higgins in the seventh round.

▲**Cartagena** — Francisco "Yata" Durango, junior lightweight of Monteria, decisioned Miguel Betruz, Cartagena, in ten.

Wilfrido Castro, knocked out Francisco "Boo Ga Loo" Castro, in the ninth.

Alfonso Perez, Colombian featherweight, T.K.O.'d Argentinian Abel Almaraz in the 3rd.

Barranquilla — Emiliano Villa, Colombian junior welterweight and lightweight champion, decisioned Mexican Leoncio Ortiz in ten rounds. Villa dropped Ortiz in the fourth with left hook in the face.

Hugo Barraza, junior lightweight, knocked out Carlos Foldes, Venezuela, in the 7th. Juanito Herrera, flyweight of Colombia, unbeaten, fulmined Maximo Figuero, Venezuela, in the first of ten scheduled rounds.

Jaime Amaya, Barranquilla, lost in ten to Nesto "Baba" Jimenez, Colombian bantam champion. (Non title bout.)

▲**Bogota** — Rafael Piamonte, junior welterweight, knocked out Alfredo Jundo, Cartagena, in the second round.

Carlos Obregon, iced Eutimio Mosquera, Cartagena, at 2:53 of the first. Mosquera suffered two knockdowns.

Isidro Escobar, welterweight, lost in ten rounds to Julio Pena. Both are from Bogota City.

Alfredo Pitalua, mother's brother of Rodrigo "Rocky" Valdez, knocked out Lorenzo Torres in four rounds. Pitalua weighed 127 9%10 and Torres 130 1%2.

Isaac Smithe, Turbo, 123 9%10, knocked out Juan Castro in two, Cartagena, 126.

Abraham Bernal, 119, gained decision in six over Fernando Catillo, 119.

Miguel Espinosa, 125 1%5, outpointed Olimpo Santos, 125 3%5, in ten rounds.

▲In another card, Alfredo Pitalua, featherweight, knocked out Eduardo Herrera, at 2:57 of the first round. Herrera was dropped twice.

Carlos Obregon, welter, beat Matias Moreno in the second (2:30).

Alvaro Lopez, flyweight of Bogota, beat Orlando Tejedor, Valledupar, when the loser abandoned at 2:25 of the second round of a scheduled ten.

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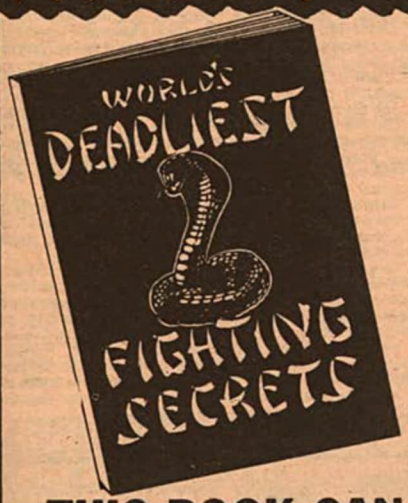

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PERKINS LOSES TOUGH BATTLE IN SOUTH AFRICA

By ED CLARK

Johannesburg — Andries Steyn, 139, S.A. lightweight champion, received a thrashing from Argentinian Carlos Giminez, 140, over 10 rounds and also a set-back to the proposed challenge against Roberto Duran for the world lightweight title.

Giminez stepped in for Antonio Puddu (Italy) and wrecked the South African's chances for world honors. Steyn was down twice in the first round but won the plaudits for his courageous fight back and to see out the distance.

At the end Steyn was cut around both eyes but saw out the fight even though most ringsiders credited him with one round — the fifth. Giminez who stood between rounds tagged Steyn with a hard right to the jaw in the opening stanza and it looked to be over. But Steyn got up staggering and held on till the storm passed but just before the end of the round Giminez had him on the floor again but the gong sounded at the count of 4.

Steyn boxed on the defensive from then on and his hardest blows did not mean a thing to the well-muscled Argentinian. The crowd of 3,000 saw Giminez keep at Steyn with his left and holding that dangerous right in readiness but Steyn took it all and his body showed marks at the end.

Kokkie Olivier suffered a KO defeat and a setback to his plans when he was unexpectedly knocked out in the 10th. round by Italian Efisio Pinna. Pinna well behind on points attacked in the closing stages of the ninth and in the final round had Olivier going back with a flurry of punches and dropped him. Olivier jumped up as referee Stan Christodoulou shouted "out" and protested he had beaten the count. The KO came in 1 minute 48 seconds of the round.

Morris Wainstein completed the run of South African boxers defeats when he retired between the fourth and fifth rounds on his stool against Teodora Corrola, a promising bantam from Italy. Wainstein took a hammering and from the first he was sent back with hard blows and from then on he was out of his depth against Corrola. Corrola impressed the crowd with his display which had the marks of class, Wainstein showed gameness but was booed when he quit.

Johnny Sham decisioned Ray Eardley, 4, (welterweights.)

▲**Johannesburg** — Maxwell Malinga, South African welterweight champion, beat Eddie Perkins, ranked welter from U.S.A. on points over 10 rounds at the Rand Stadium before a crowd of 4,000. Perkins, former junior middleweight champion had to sweat to take off nearly three pounds to make the weight and he began his 100th fight in style then faded and Malinga came to the fore to win and gain himself a world rating.

Perkins with vast experience made the Zulu boxer look like an amateur and Malinga's preciction of stopping him had no chance of fulfillment. Perkins stalked Malinga in the first and after an exchange of lefts Perkins caught Malinga with a hard left, Malinga carried his guard low. Perkins, more speedy in the next round catches Malinga again then Malinga misses with a series of lefts Perkins moves in and scores.

The third and a Perkins combination scores but a Malinga right finds the mark. Malinga boring in with lefts and rights. Perkins makes Malinga miss but two body shots find their mark. Perkins replies with a left and right. Malinga jumps around, the boxers clinch and Malinga throws more lefts in succession and Malinga wins this round.

Malinga KO hungry now but Perkins keeps him at bay but three good lefts by Malinga find their mark. Perkins flat footed looks weary.

The seventh, and Perkins scores to the body but blows lack power. Malinga in with a combination, Perkins a right to the Jaw, Malinga again in with lefts.

Malinga on top in round 8 but blows are wild but he chases Perkins and lands a right to the jaw. Malinga leaps across the ring in 9th and Perkins still on stool, but the referee holds Malinga back then both boxers "mix it."

Perkins warned for low blow and for holding Malinga, wild, but does connect with left and right and again to mid-section. The final round Malinga moves forward on attack, Perkins tries to hold, gets into clinch. Malinga gets good right to jaw. Perkins weary, warned for holding, Malinga fighting hard as bell sounds.

In a superbly contested bout Anthony "Blue Jaguar" Morodi was declared the winner over Scottish champion Jim Watt after 10 exciting rounds. Watt, as I have written before can box in South Africa anytime and has beaten Andries Steyn and Kokkie Olivier but the decision in favor of Morodi was "home town" and Watt was clearly disappointed.

But what a fight as both boxers gave of their best and it must have been Morodi's last two rounds storming finish that got him the judge's nod. Morodi kept boring in to Watt going in low and Watt specialised in counter-punching and the referee Mr. Myberg had little to do in the ring. Morodi swung into the offensive in the first half of each round then Watt came back to win the latter half of each round. In the ninth and last round Morodi went all out to catch the judge's eye and succeeded but Watt appeared to have won comfortably.

Heavyweight prospect Gerrie Coetzee needed just 25 seconds including the count to KO Bert Nikkelen-Kuypers of Holland. A right hook was the blow to the jaw and Kuypers fell like a sack.

Peet Bothma KO'ed Apie Smith, 6, welters; Robert Kleynhans decisioned Monte Buleta, 4, welters; Jeff Ellis and Gert Mulder ended even, 4, light-heavyweights.

▲**East London** — A large crowd at the Mdantsane Stadium saw Nkosana "Happy Boy" Mgxaji earn himself a rating when he outpointed American Sammy Goss over 10 rounds. Mgxaji had trouble making the weight and looked to be on the losing side during the fight but harsh corner words spurred him on to win a hard fight against a hard attacking opponent. Instead of being the counterpuncher Mgxaji took the fight to Goss from the start and had Goss retreating from hard blows. Goss, on the other hand wanted an early end but was nonplussed by "Happy Boy's" elusiveness. Mgxaji kept the bout in the middle of the ring and would not let Goss have control. Mgxaji relied on long blows to the head whilst Goss played to the mid-section in the hope of slowing Mgxaji down.

Hard left hooks from Mgxaji got home but he failed to press his advantage. Mgxaji was in front at half way but in round six Goss assumed the boss role and had Mgxaji tired and worried. Mgxaji came back strong in the seventh with hard lefts and rights to the head and a left hook in particular had Goss going back.

Mgxaji failed to follow up but won a clear decision in a fight brought forward because of rain.

Just two prelims took place both before the main event. Tembile Sgetye decisioned Reuben Mateyu, 4; Welcome Mtongwe outscored Thuso Mapela, 6, Junior welters.

▲**Springs** — Tadios Fisher, the Rhodesian lightweight champion, tossed a shock defeat to Anthony Morodi, recent conqueror of Scotland'S Jim Watt, by winning the 10 rounds decision. It was a "gift" decision as Morodi seemed to have won clearly but Fisher's last three rounds non-stop attack seemed to convince the judges it was enough for him to win.

Bobbing and weaving Morodi made Fisher hit air or taken on Morodi's gloves and Morodi got in with swings and crosses with monotonous regularity. Fisher took hard blows without flinching and his hard left and rights had Morodi shaken at times. The attacking Fisher went all out in the eighth and Morodi's legs nearly wilted but Morodi's hardest blows meant nothing to Fisher.

Joao Afonso, the "Tar Baby" from Rhodesia had an easy six rounds win over Sandy Kwaza who was out of his class, (Light heavyweights); Victor Tshabalala boxed like a champ to outpoint Joao Napepa, Rhodesia, 6, (junior welters).

▲**Pretoria** — West German Conny Velensek again lost narrowly on points over 10 rounds against heavyweight champion Jimmy Richards. As in their first meeting the decision was not well received adnd many thought a draw a reasonable result.

The German camp again protested they were "robbed".

For the first five rounds Richards made use of his snappy left jab and occasional right hooks the latter doing little damage. Velensek opened up well in the sixth with left hooks then in the seventh came the turning point when a clash of heads opened a cut over Richards' left eye.

Velensek then turned on the pressure and hooking viciously with both hands drove Richards back. He had Richards on shaky legs but Richards is plenty tough and weathered the storm to take a close decision.

Dirk van der Westhuizen dropped Andre Nel in the fourth and went on to win on points over 10 rounds in the junior welterweight division. van der Westhuizen boxed stylish in the fight but later both boxers were warned for holding, butting, and other infringements and the fight had an untidy end.

Heavyweight Gerrie Coetzee, 19 years old, KO'ed Koos Oosthuizen in the first taking 38 seconds to do the job. Two rights—one to the body and one to the jaw and it was over.

Alec McMillan KO'ed Neil Lang, 6, (welters); Ray Eardley KO'ed Robert Kleynhans, 3, (middleweights).

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ZURHEIDE GETS REVENGE IN DEFEAT BY KENDALL

By GEORGE D. BLAIR

Milwaukee, Wisc. — Karl Zurheide, Fond Du Lac light heavyweight gained revenge for a 1973 loss to veteran Andy Kendall of Portland, Ore. by gaining a ten round split decision before 1,330 fans at the Eagles Club.

Zurheide used his boxing skills to advantage, always keeping a left jab in use, moving in, scoring, moving away.

Kendall tried his best to force the action and would back Zurheide into the ropes, punching until the referee would break it up, but Kendall was not effective. There were no knockdowns.

Both fighters suffered eye damage as Kendall received an eye cut in the seventh round, while Zurheide's eye started to puff and discolor from a cut in the tenth round.

The scoring was close, judge George Stupor had it 96-95 and referee Paul Konnor had it 97-94, both for Zurheide. Judge Howard Whalen scored it a 96-96 draw.

Art Robinson, Chicago, stopped Randy Lucas, Milwaukee, 2, heavyweights; Chuck Phalen, Milwaukee, stopped Jesse Goins, Indianapolis, 1, middleweights; Kevin Porter, Milwaukee, decisioned Fred Harris, 4, junior welters.

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OLD BROADWAY

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welter—among his victories were 18 knockouts.

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Boxing lost a wonderful trainer and a fine man in the death of Freddie Fierro, who passed away at the age of 66. Among the champions he worked with were Billy Conn and Gus Lesnevich, both light heavyweight kings, Fritzie Zivic and Johnny Bratton, ex-welter champions, in addition to Orlando Zulueta, fighting photographer from Cuba, a lightweight title contender managed by Hymie Wollman. Fierro was an able ring man and had plenty of friends.

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At Madison Square Garden, among others as guests of the management at the Foreman-Ali scrap were ex-heavyweight champions Jack Dempsey, Gene Tunney and Jimmy Braddock, as well as middleweight boss Jake LaMotta.

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Speaking of Veteran Boxers Ring's #8, Al Reid president, tossed a party for its members and friends the night of the Ali-Foreman fight at the Colony Restaurant on 7th Avenue, which was a knockout. Some of the guests left to see the screen version of the fight in the Garden, which had a capacity turnout. VBA Ring #8, like Paul Berlenbach's Ring #21, in Brooklyn, is very popular. Everyone said they had a real ball.

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At one of the recent Felt Forum fights, a visitor in the working press section was Kotai Kikuchi, executive secretary of the Japan Boxing Commission.

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Speaking of annual VBA affairs, Mickey Oliver of Ring #21, brought back a glowing report of the 6th Annual Dinner of the International Veteran Boxers Association, Inc., held recently in Schenectady, N.Y. They packed them in at $7.50 a head, a real buy in these days of inflation, especially considering the former champions who were honored. Lou Ambers, ex-lightweight boss came all the way from Phoenix, Arizona. . . Tony Zale, middleweight boss, from Chicago, and Sammy Angott, ex-lightweight king, from his home in Pennsylvania. Carmine Fatta, former boxer and popular member of the fistic fraternity who is also an inspector of the N.Y. State Athletic Commission, was also honored. Those present are still talking about the gettogether and how well the former kingpins looked. One told me that Ambers, with his eye glasses, could pass for a doctor.

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Ran into Ralph Lake at the New Jersey Hall of Fame dinner. A member of the Veteran Boxers' Association, he lives at 7528 Beverly Road, Philadelphia, Pa. The likeable Ralph is well known as a professional trainer and cornerman.

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Lou Jallos, originally a boxer from the Midwest and now living in Detroit, Mich., is never too busy to keep in touch with his pals from the newspaper world. You never know where Lou and his lovely wife will write from next. It could be Europe and other spots. Last report was when he was down in Baltimore, Md., at a VBA show, and then from Largo, Florida. Lou told us about two strokes suffered by George Zaharias, famous wrestler of the Jim Londos' era, who was the husband of the great woman athlete, Babe Didrickson. George has been living in Tampa, Fla., for 25 years. He's a fine man and a good friend.

REVIVAL IN INDIANAPOLIS AS MARVIN JOHNSON SCORES

By MICHAEL M. SCHWARTZ

Indianapolis, Ind. — Pro boxing which has been dormant here for the past year, revived fast and solid when John Appel's ten rounds Incorporated presented one of the best shows seen here in long time. Featured were Olympic bronze medalist Marvin Johnson, Storman Norman Goins and Slammin Sammy NeSmith, Indiana's former Big 3 of Amateur boxing fame.

Johnson faced his first real opposition in the pros when he fought rugged John Warrier Words of Kansas City. At the opening bell Johnson charged across the ring only to find Words charging back, and the war was on.

The two crude but tough sluggers stood toe to toe until mid-way thru the round, Marvelous Marvin landed solid with a three punch combination sending Words stumbling to the canvas.

Most of the 2000 fans headed for the exits thinking that Words was just another hamburger served up for Johnson to snack on. The Kansan arose at 9 and when Marvin raced in for the finish he suddenly realized that the Viet Nam warrier was anything from finished, and by the end of the round they were once again toe to toe, with fans scrambling to reclaim their lost seats.

By the 4th round most ringsiders felt that there was an upset in the making when Words had Johnson nearly out on his feet. But Marvin proved that Olympic medals don't come cheap and weathered the storm. In the 6th round it was all Johnson and at the 2:40 mark, referee Mike DeFabis who just happens to be Indy's Deputy Mayor, called a halt to wild screaming protests from the fans, who by now had made Words their sentimental favorite. DeFabis is one of the Midwests better ring officials and he was absolutely correct in stopping the bout which was one sided at the end.

In the second match Storman Norman Goins 133, chased fleet footed Ron Pettigrew, 144, Cleveland, all over the ring for two rounds before catching up to him. A vicious right hand nearly ended it. As the Ohioan came off the ropes Goins finished the job with a perfectly timed hook to the solarplexas.

It was five minutes before Pettigrew could leave the ring under his own power. He received an ovation.

Slammin Sammy NeSmith is possibly one of the most exciting young prospects ever to come from this part of the country. The former National Gloves champ can take out an opponent with either hand and proved the point by dropping rugged Jimmy Jones, 151, St. Louis, with a picture right hand, early in the opening round. Jones took an 8 count on his knee and tried to fire back, but a left hook at 1:30 put the game Jones out cold.

In preliminary action, 1972 AAU fighter of the year, Vonzell Johnson, 171, Detroit, made his debut a success by outpointing Sylvester Wilder 175, Cleveland, in a slow 4 rounder.

Heavyweight Billy Hurt Columbus, outpointed local Tommy Prater 188, over the 4 round limit. Prater is now 5-2.

Danny Franceway, Union City, Ind., was stopped in one by Cisco Oliver, Chicago, and Tulip Turnipseed was not allowed to come out for round two against Chicago's Danny Starks due to a 21 stitch gash over an eye. Starks is 4-5 and Tulip though undefeated on the streets of Indianapolis is now 2-5 in the ring. . . .

Veteran Indiana fighters, Irish Jerry Evans sat out the premier show

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LOVELL'S GREAT TROUBLE -- THEY WON'T FIGHT HIM

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sire to see the country his father loved second only to his beloved Argentina. He thrilled to the thought of thousands of people cheering him as he was introduced in the ring.

He fought one fight as an amateur and won. He sparred with his brother and decided to take the trip to California and attempt to fight in the same ring his father fought in. He emigrated to the United States in 1970 and signed a contract with a manager in Northern California.

On November 13, 1970, Pedro entered the ring for the first time as a professional. He fought a nobody named Ron Howard and starched him in one round.

His manager decided he had a good prospect and for bout No. 2 matched him with Lonnie Bennett of Los Angeles in Oakland on May 10, 1971. Prior to this bout Bennett had won all three of his professional fights, two by third-round knockouts. Pedro required five rounds to dispose of him.

Bennett followed the reversal by winning 13 out of his next 14 bouts, 12 by knockouts.

The next victim was Oklahoma City heavyweight Joe Lewis. The winner of two bouts by decisions and holder of a draw in his third fight, Lewis met Lovell in San Francisco on May 25, 1971. He also had a short night, ending in the first round.

Unhappy with his management, Pedro met a friend who knew Willie Ketchum and who told him he thought Willie might be interested in handling him.

Pedro had one other bout under his former manager to fight and, because of his problems, probably didn't train as well as he should have. The bout was held in San Jose on September 27, 1971. Though he put his opponent, Charley James, down twice, the officials decided the bout was a draw.

Pedro had his first fight under Ketchum at the Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles, his goal, March 2, 1972. He knocked out Vic Scott in one round. On March 23, he finished Charlie Hall, also in one round.

On April 13, 1972, Pedro required four rounds to finish Willie Moore.

On June 15, 1972, Pedro flattened Dan Johnson who, on January 31, 1973, defeated Rodney Bobick at Las Vegas, Nevada.

On September 15, 1972, Pedro met his best opponent to date, Richard Gosha of Chicago. A veteran of 24 fights, Gosha had fought Eddie "Bossman" Jones, Ray White, Ernie Shavers, Jerry Quarry and Jimmie Ellis, among others.

Of course, he lost to them, but it seemed he would have enough experience to beat this "guy" in L.A. Lovell made him victim number eight in round three.

Another veteran of 24 contests, Mike Boswell, was next. Boswell had fought, among others, Mac Foster, Joe Bugner and Ron Lyle. He lasted nine rounds before being tagged out.

For his next bout Lovell went to San Bernardino for his first bout outside of Los Angeles for Ketchum. Al Evans went out in round one with a broken jaw.

Another 24-bout contestant was picked next to test Pedro. Cliff McDonald of Durham, New Jersey, was confident he could "take" Lovell. He had 18 knockout victories to his credit and having lost his last two bouts by decisions felt a win wouldn't hurt his record a bit. Lovell also felt a victory would be nice and knocked him out in the first round.

A fighting Texan from San Antonio, Terry Krueger, was the next opponent to face Pedro. He had 32 fights behind him and had won 15 of them by first-round knockouts.

The fight was scheduled for August 24, 1974. On the Monday before the fight, Pedro became ill. He had to curtail his training chores and his manager decided to postpone the fight. Pedro refused to permit this.

"After all," he pointed out, "Krueger had already arrived from Texas for the fight and quite a few of his fans had bought tickets to see him." The fight would go on as scheduled.

In round four Pedro, who had a prostate infection and didn't know it ran into a terrific right. The killer from Texas smashed over an overhand left and another right. Lovell crashed to the canvas. Pedro was unconscious for over two minutes and concern was felt for his life. The knockout occurred in the fourth round.

Pedro was depressed and heartbroken. He felt he had let down his fans, his manager, and the promoter. He begged Willie to get him a rematch. All he wanted was two weeks of training and Terry Krueger.

Almost three months passed before Pedro was fit to train and matchmaker Don Chargin had an open date for the fight.

On November 15, 1973, with Lovell trained down to a sleek 206, the two men stepped into the ring.

Krueger had been telling the reporters when interviewed "This time I'll knock him out quicker."

Lovell said nothing but when he looked at Krueger as they were introduced he nodded as if to say "O. K., Buddy."

Before the surprised Texan realized he was in the ring with a fighter in top condition, he was knocked out.

While training for a bout scheduled for May, 1974, a sparmate tore a ligament in Lovell's rib cage. While he was undergoing treatment the prostate infection was discovered.

Nine months passed before Pedro recovered and was again ready to fight.

Tommy Kost of Binghamton, New Jersey, was signed for a fight, but three days before the bout he broke his thumb while training.

Billy Daniels was the loser by a first round knockout. He had fought for 14 years and was, of course, well ring worn.

He had met Cassius (Muhammad Ali) Clay, Zora Folley, Jerry Quarry, Joe Frazier, and was known to take a good punch as well as deliver one. A left to the body ended the fight and Daniels retired from boxing. This was after being out of action for nine months. The date of this fight was August 22nd. 1974.

Having spent quite a bit of money buying ringside seats to see just how good Lovell was and having seen him end all of his fights so quickly, I arranged to meet Ketchum and Pedro at the Main Street Gym in Los Angeles. "Would it be all right," I asked, "for me to watch Pedro work out?" Permission was granted.

Four two hours Pedro trained and was still training when I had to leave to keep another appointment.

I found he has superb footwork, ring savvy, and of course, the big punch.

If only the name fighters were not afraid of Lovell.

Pedro stands six foot three, weighs 206 pounds and is willing to meet any contender.

VELASQUEZ CITES POWER OF THE WBC

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I was professor of Physical Education under two Presidents, Gen. Manuel Avila Camacho and Lic.Miguel Alemán. I am very devoted to boxing and to physical education.

IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

VILLAFLOR-LUNNY FIGHT DRAW IN 6, CHAMP BUTTED

By DON FRASER

SAN FRANCISCO — Ray Lunny, and world junior lightweight king Ben Villaflor, ended up all even in their scheduled 10-rounder at the Cow Palace.

The bout was terminated midway in the sixth round, when Villaflor suffered an accidental butt. According to California rules, the fighter that suffers the injury ean get no worse·than a draw.

Lunny, the underdog, was dropped in the second round, but came back strong and made a real exciting go till the ending.

The youngster from Palo Alto weighed 134½, Villaflor, from Honolulu, was 131. The gate was $42,800, best in the bay area in years. Joe Gagliardi was the happy promoter.

In a co-feature 10-rounder, Rudy Robles, 161, Los Angeles, won a convincing decision over Kim Booker, 158, Oakland.

▲**Los Angeles**—California heavyweight champion Howard Smith, 204, won a unanimous, but unpopular, 10-round decision over Raul Gorosito, 205, Buenos Aires, at the Olympic.

Making his first effort in several months, Smith blamed his showing on lack of fights. He won rather easily on the three official cards, 9-1, 7-1, 7-1.

Smith, who improved his record to 20-1, is now under the management of Harry Kabakoff. The well upholstered fight pilot expects to have Smith in a contender's role within six months.

In a companion ten, Irish Randy Shields, 137½, North Hollywood, stopped Roy Holloway, 135, Los Angeles, after 1:20 of the fourth round.

Shields, now 16-0, finished Holloway off with a right to the chin.

Antonio Gin, 135, Mexicali, dec. over Isidro Salinas, 132, Los Angeles, (5); Freddy Gonzalez, 119½, East Los Angeles, KO over Octavio Quintero, 120, Montebello, (2).

▲**Los Angeles**—A non-stop punching performance by Carlos Becerril, 128, Los Angeles, resulted in a third round knockout over Fidel Fraijo, 126, Mexico, at the Olympic Auditorium.

There were no knockdowns, but Becerril had Fraijo helpless midway in third, when referee Dick Steele intervened

It was the ninth victory in ten starts for the Chino featherweight.

Julio Gomez, 148, Los Angeles, dec. over Jose Duarte, 146, East Los Angeles, (6); RAul Rosete, 116½, Los Angeles, dec. over Antonio Sanchez, 116½, Mexico, (6); Carlos Barajas, 134, Los Angeles, KO over Oscar Armas, 131½, East Los Angeles, (4).

▲**Sacramento**—Local favorite Joe Guevara, 119½, outboxed Sergio Ayala, 124½, Mexico, to win a 10 round decision at the Memorial Auditorium.

Jim Burchett, 148½, Sacramento, dec. over Jimmy x Jackson, 147½, Oakland, (8); Karl Vinson, 162, Sacramento, dec. over Hiva Sekona, 161½, Fijji Islands, (8).

▲**San Diego**—Mexico's Aurelio Muniz, 136½, wrote finis to the career of one time lightweight contender, Ruben Navarro, at the Coliseum.

Muniz gave Navarro, 135, a one sided lacing in every round. The bout was finally halted in the eighth round. This had been the second fight on the comeback trail for Navarro.

Junior lightweight king Ben Villaflor stands over Ray Lunny III after flooring him in the second round of their scheduled 10-rounder at San Francisco. The bout was halted in the sixth and declared a draw after the pair bumped heads and Villaflor suffered a cut eye.

Julio Gomez, 147, Los Angeles, dec, over Johnny Montagne, 151½, San Diego, (6); Carlos Tijerina, 173, San Diego, KO over Fernando Jones, 178. Los Angeles, (5); Gerald Robinson, 138, Chicago, KO over Memo Gonzalez, 134, Mexico, (1).

▲**San Diego**—Comebacking Mike Nixon, 162, Glendale (Cal.) flashed his oldtime form as he routed Manuel Fierro, 162, Mexicali, Mexico in the 10 round feature at the Coliseum.

Nixon landed the harder and sharper blows and shook off the best Fierro could offer. The decision was unanimous.

▲**San Francisco**—Pro boxing returned to Kezar Pavillion after a lengthy absence with Rudy Robles of Los Angeles shading David Love of San Diego in the 10-round main event.

Robles, 161, looked like a loser in the early round, but bounced back with a flurry of punches in the late rounds to capture a split verdict.

Referee Tony Bosnich tabbed Robles 5-2 and judge John Lotsey, 6-2. The dissenter was judge Jack Campbell, who voted 6-3 for Love. The latter weighed 157.

The gate was $3543, which almost satisfied co promoters Pete Alvarez and Luis Curiel.

Tommy Evans, 177½, Richmond, KO over Cisco Solario,

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COOPER, RETIRED THREE YEARS, STILL BRITISH HERO

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and saying to me — "He did very well, didn't he? He practiced that speech and worked on it for ages."

Their home, not far from Wembley Pool, where some of his greatest fights took place, is called "El Nido" (The Nest). The Coopers have two sons, Henry Marco (13) and John Pietro (7). They are very close, but his family are not the only ones to benefit from Henry's warm personality.

Some months ago his old fight manager Jim Wicks (now his business manager), was ill. Jim is around 80 and lives on his own, so every day Henry used to make the one-to-two hour drive from one side of London to the other just to sit and talk with him, play cards, make his meals, and put the TV on before he left, until Jim got better.

Success has never gone to Henry's head. An example was one day when I met Henry and Jim in London's West End, purely by accident. I had just published my current world ratings, and Jim immediately had a go at me because he said he thought Henry was placed too low.

This embarrassed Henry, who said, "Never mind, Jim. Ron's entitled to his opinion, the same as we are."

How can you help but respect someone like this?

It was logical that in 1972 his life story in book form should be published. "An autobiography," it states on the cover, but the book was in fact the result of many chat-sessions between Henry and John Samuel, sports editor of The Guardian.

The hard-back version was popular, and even more so was the paperback, which was a sellout to retailers even before it was ready for publication. I attended the launching of the paperback, and asked Henry if he didn't get fed up with autographing so many copies.

He replied with a grin, "It's a bit wearing, I admit. And I do get writer's cramp occasionally. But I look at it this way — every autograph represents a sale of one more copy. So the inconvenience is small compared with the reward."

They're a travelling family, the Coopers. "About 4,000 miles per year around Europe," estimates Henry. "We go as often as possible to visit Albina's family in Parma, Northern Italy."

His own tastes are simple. His golf and his personal appearances keep him occupied, but when he relaxes he enjoys television, particularly sports programmes and travelling programmes. And he likes to hear the sports and news round-ups on radio. "They do this so well," said Henry.

There are so many people to whom Henry attributes his success. The acknowledgements in the front of his book read — "To Albina, Mum and Dad, my brother George, and my old trainer George Page my special gratitude. Also John Samuel, sports editor of The Guardian, for all his help and advice with the writing of this book. To all those others, named and unnamed in its pages, relatives, friends, and not least fans, my warmest thanks. Without them, each in different ways, I could not have achieved what I have." And he dedicated the book to manager Jim Wicks.

Henry's mum died recently, a tragic loss to the Cooper family. She had been the back-room force behind Henry, giving him love and understanding, and attending to his diet, with the right sort of food so necessary for an athlete, right up to 1960, when Henry got married. And with brother George also married, they all remained close, with Henry making sure his parents didn't want for anything.

There are so many memories of Cooper's fistic career. Some were highlights, others were lowlights, for it was difficult to keep him out of the news. Throughout his career he was plagued by eye injuries, he even had plastic surgery, and trainer Danny Holland, luckily for Henry, was a cuts expert.

Probably the fight that Henry will remember even more vividly than any of his title contests was his first bout with Muhammad Ali in 1963, when he floored The Greatest with a terrific left hook to the jaw. The bell ended the fourth round with the count at "five," (as far as I could hear amid the bedlam that greeted this sensation), Ali started to try and get up and his seconds quickly rushed him to his corner.

What followed was like pure fiction, with Angelo Dundee indicating that Ali had a split glove. So the latter had a little more time to recover while a fresh pair was being sought.

In the previous round Henry's eye was cut, and this was why he went after his man in the following session, which was the fourth. Having failed to stop his man, Henry was caught again on the injured eye early in the fifth, causing the bout to be stopped.

A big disappointment for Cooper to be so near and yet so far from causing a major upset. And remember that in his very next fight Ali won the world title.

Never before or since have I seen Henry put so much fire and determination into his work as he went after Ali, and I believe it was mainly because Ali had predicted that the fight would end in the fifth (ironically it did), and had boasted what he would do to Cooper.

They met again, of course, in 1966, at the ground of the Arsenal Football Club, this time with the world title at stake. Again Ali won, again by a cut eye. Only the round was different — this time it was the sixth.

Other highlights were when Cooper got off the floor to stop Dick Richardson, and followed this with a points win over world No. 1 contender Zora Folley, both in 1959, which preceded his winning the British and Commonwealth crowns the following year by outpointing Brian London.

There was the decisive manner in which he stopped two of his contenders in successive fights in 1967 — Jack Bodell (two rounds) and Billy Walker (six). And in 1969 he showed immense courage by knocking out Italian Piero Tomasoni in five in Italy, after being hit palpably low on at least two occasions. A dented protector-cup was proof of this.

Henry destroyed the European title challenge of Spaniard Jose Urtain, who had been knocking over his opponents with monotonous regularity. Henry gave him a boxing lesson before stopping him in nine (1970).

Lowlights? Well, there was his knockout defeat by Folley in their return (1961), a points loss to Roger Rischer (1964) — "My worst fight ever," says Henry.

There was another points defeat in 1965 by Amos Johnson which was difficult to understand, and lastly a knockout defeat by Floyd Patterson in 1966.

"Floyd had faster hands than Ali," states Cooper.

One of Henry's chief worries today is the future of youngsters, and he frequently visits amateur clubs, watches the boxing and presents the prizes. Also, he does a tremendous amount of work for charity, for free, of course.

In December, 1965, Henry was invited to lunch with Her Majesty, The Queen, and H.R.H. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, at Buckingham Palace, one of the high spots of his life.

This gave rise to a lot of conjecture about recognition for Henry's successes and indeed his influence on the youth of the period. In 1969 came an announcement in the New Year's Honours List that Henry had been made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire. Just over a month later he drove to Buckingham Palace for the Investiture with Albina and Henry Marco (only two relatives or friends are allowed).

There has been only one boxing baronet in history, Sir Dan Donnelly, back in the 19th century, and some historians even say this was only a noble gesture by the reigning monarch after Dan had done well in a fight, and was not meant to be taken seriously.

British fans have always hoped, and always believed, that Cooper should be knighted. After all, other sports have been so represented — Sir Gordon Richards (horse racing), Sir Stanley Matthews (association football), and Sir Jack Hobbs and Sir Leonard Hutton (cricket).

I suppose this could still happen, but would Coop enjoy being "Sir Henry?"

"It would be a wonderful thing for me and also for the sport of boxing," said Henry. "But let's face it (a favourite expression of his) if it ever happens nothing will change, will it? It wouldn't really make any difference to my way of life, would it?"

How could it? Cooper will remain "Our 'Enry" to his fans and to the general public, whether they make him a knight or even a Member of Parliament.

McCLUSKEY, LAST OF HIS LINE, RETAINS FLYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

By RON OLVER

SWANSEA, Wales — John McCluskey, Hamilton, 111½, kept his British flyweight title and won the Lonsdale Belt outright by stopping challenger Tony Davies, Llanbradach, 110¾, in 2 min. 5 sec. of the first round.

This may well prove to be the last contest for this particular title, and the end of the division as far as Britain is concerned.

For several years now I have advocated that McCluskey should have been awarded the Lonsdale Belt outright, as the Board of Control could not come up with a worthwhile contender for him.

There was after all a precedent. Walter McGowan was awarded a Belt outright in similar circumstances, and wasn't called upon to make even one defense.

McCluskey won the crown in 1967 and defended it in 1969. It has taken him nearly eight years from the date he won it to get the chance of a second successful defense which makes the Belt his property.

It is likely that the Board of Control didn't fancy the idea of having to purchase a new Belt, which they would have been committed to doing had they awarded McCluskey his Belt any earlier.

Now the future of the flyweight division is in the balance. There are no other active experienced eight-stoners in the country, and owing to the standard of living being higher, with people eating and drinking more, there seems no likelihood of Britain returning to the situation in the thirties, forties and fifties, when we produced a host of top flyweights, holding the world title almost continuously from 1928 to 1950, preceded by Jimmy Wilde, whom many believe the greatest pound for pound fighter Britain has ever produced.

As to the fight itself, the result was the only important thing. Seven contests weren't enough for Davies to challenge the 30-year-old McCluskey, and this was soon evident. The Welshman looked determined to make his play early, and reached Mac with a couple of lefts to the jaw.

The champion had no difficulty in evading Davies' follow-up, threw a few long lefts to head and body, then moved in closer to catch his man with three or four quick punches, some lefts and then a following right that deposited the challenger on the canvas.

The faithful Welsh fans were stunned at this turn of events. Davies somehow dragged his weary body up as referee Wally Thom's count reached "nine." McCluskey showed no mercy, stepping in and cracking home vicious punches from both hands.

Davies crumpled up once more, went to the canvas, pluckily staggered up at "six," a

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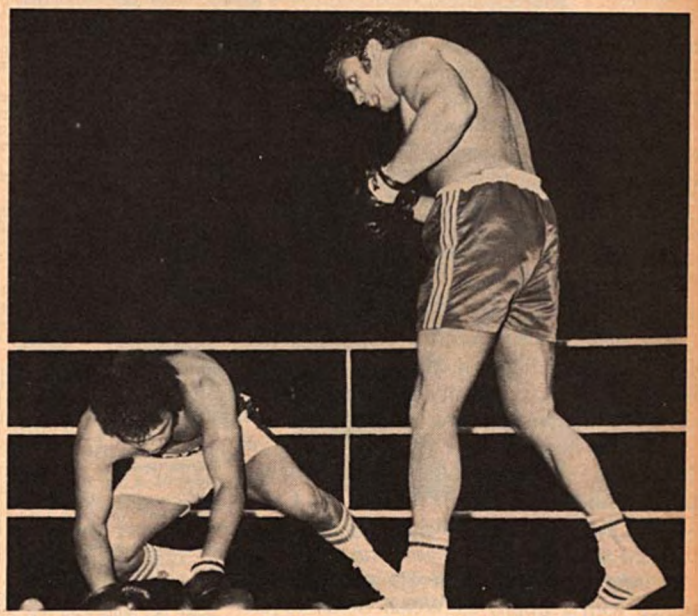

Joe Bugner stands over Jimmy Ellis after flooring him in 10th round of their bout at the Empire Pool, Wembley. Bugner won the decision after 10 rounds.

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

(As of December 15, 1974)

HEAVYWEIGHT
Champion
Danny McAlinden (I)

1. Joe Bugner (E)
2. Bunny Johnson (J)
3. Mani Vaka (T)
4. Billy Aird (E)
5. Rocky Campbell (Ant.)
6. Ngoziza Ekwellum (N)
7. Richard Dunn (E)
8. Wendell Newton (Bah.)
9. Eddie Neilson (E)
10. Sunia Cama (Fiji)

CRUISERWEIGHT
Champion
John Conteh (E)

1. Chris Finnegan (E)
2. Maxie Smith (E)
3. Roy John (W)
4. Pat McCann (E)
5. Johnny Frankham (E)
6. Steve Aczel (A)
7. Gary Summerhays (C)
8. Baby Boy Rolle (J)
9. Greg McNamara (A)
10. Alipate Korovou (T)

MIDDLEWEIGHT
Champion
Tony Mundine (A)

1. Kevin Finnegan (E)
2. Bunny Sterling (J)
3. Battling Laavassa (Samoa)
4. Alan Minter (D)
5. Monty Betham (NZ)
6. Ray McGrady (A)
7. William White (Samoa)
8. Dave Downey (C)
9. Jan Magdziarz (E)
10. Gary Broughton (C)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHT
Champion
Charkey Ramon (A)

1. Elisha Obed (Bah.)
2. Nojim Maiyegun (N)
3. Maurice Hope (Ant.)
4. Larry Paul (E)
5. Donato Paduano (C)
6. Pongi Lie (T)
7. Carlos Marks (Tr)
8. Matt Donovan (Tr)
9. Kevin White (E)
10. Jean Claude Leclair (C)

WELTERWEIGHT
Champion
Clyde Gray (C)

1. John H. Stracey (E)
2. Rocky Mattioli (A)
3. Fernand Marcotte (C)
4. Eddie Blay (G)
5. Bunny Grant (J)
6. Kenny Webber (E)
7. Pat Thomas (W)
8. Henry Rhiney (J)
9. Trevor Francis (J)
10. Lennox Beckles (Guy.)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHT
Champion
Hector Thompson (A)

1. Ali Afakasi (NZ)
2. Pat McCormack (I)
3. Martin Beni (Papua)
4. Des Morrison (J)
5. Eric Briggs (NZ)
6. Johnny Summerhays (C)
7. Wally Carr (A)
8. Joey Singleton (E)
9. Angus McMillan (S)
10. Lawrence Hafey (C)

LIGHTWEIGHT
Champion
Percy Hayles (J)

1. Ken Buchanan (S)
2. Manny Santos (NZ)
3. Jim Watt (S)
4. Jonathan Dele (N)
5. Fitzroy Guiseppe (Tr)
6. Colin Cassidy (A)
7. Jimmy Bell (S)
8. Andy Broome (A)
9. Billy Waith (W)
10. Johnny Cheshire (S)

FEATHERWEIGHT
Champion
Evan Armstrong (S)

1. Art Hafey (C)
2. Bobby Dunne (A)
3. David Poison (G)
4. Jimmy Revie (E)
5. Alan Richardson (E)
6. Vernon Solias (S)
7. Merv Wockner (A)
8. Bingo Crooks (J)
9. George Turpin (E)
10. Alan Buchanan (S)

BANTAMWEIGHT
Champion
Paul Ferreri (A)

1. Paddy Maguire (I)
2. Dave Needham (E)
3. Sulley Shittu (G)
4. Guinea Hillier (A)
5. Fred Burns (A)
6. John Kellie (S)
7. Paddy Graham (I)
8. John Mitchell (S)
9. Brian Clout (A)
10. Billy Edwards (A)

FLYWEIGHT
Champion
Big Jim West (A)

1. Henry Nissen (A)
2. Brian Roberts (A)
3. Patrick Mambwe (Zam.)
4. John McCluskey (S)
5. Jim Slatter (A)

Legend: An Antigua; A Australia; B Bahamas; C Canada; E England; Fi Fiji Islands; G Ghana; Gu Guyana; In India; I Ireland; J Jamaica; M Malta; N Nigeria; Nz New Zealand; S Scotland; T Trinidad; To Tonga; W Wales; BH British Honduras; Z Zambia.

THE BRITISH ISLES

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sitting, or rather, standing target for the champion. But referee Thom had seen the signs, and indicated that it was all over.

So it's well done, Mac. I have always had a great admiration for the little Scot, who has travelled all over the world, fighting mostly bantamweights and who at one time also held the Commonwealth flyweight crown. Now he wants the chance to win this one back, also another opportunity (it will be his fourth) to annex the European crown.

And given these opportunities, I think he could win both. He's a true professional.

Neville Meade, a Jamaican living in Swansea, 211, stopped Roger Barlow, 195½, in three. No knockdowns, but Barlow, making a comeback after a year's inactivity, was being freely punished.

Jeff Pritchard, Merthyr, 125½, got away to a successful pro start by stopping Tony Fouweather, Newport, 129½, in two after the latter had been down, and was being belaboured on the ropes.

Ray Thorogood, Cardiff, outscored Eric Williams, Llandielo, in a welter clash by 59½-58½ over six. Plenty of action, which promoted the fans to throw in "nobbins."

Yotham Kunda, a Zambian living in Swansea, 146¼, outpointed Allan Jones, Merthyr, 141½, over six by 60-57. Clear win for Kunda, plucky display by southpaw Jones.

During the evening Pat Thomas was presented with a trophy as Welsh Boxer of the Year. Pat is one of the contenders for the British middleweight title.

▲Royal Albert Hall, London — There's no substitute for class. And although Ernie Lopez had been out of the ring for over a year he proved an excellent opponent for European welter champ John H. Stracey, 147½. Both men had eye injuries, and the bout was stopped in Stracey's favour in the seventh round when Lopez, 149¾, couldn't see properly, and was on the receiving end.

There was alarm and despondency when Stracey was cut on the right eyebrow in the fourth, but competent corner-work kept the injury under control, as Lopez did his best to cash in on his advantage.

The American looked a little ring-rusty early on, but revealed skill and determination. His hair tied with a ribbon to prevent it coming down over his face, Lopez got home with some good rights to the face, with Stracey jabbing and hooking neatly with his left.

The first round was quiet, with Lopez shaping well enough to show he was no lamb to the slaughter, and one right in particular landed flush on his opponent's chin.

Ernie's troubles started as early as the second, when he was cut on the bridge of the nose, and his chances didn't improve when in the following session he was cut by the right eye.

These injuries had the effect of stepping up the pace as Lopez realized he had to do something quickly. Stracey, too, realized that this was the time to put on the pressure, and there were some hectic toe-to-toe exchanges that had the fans shouting encouragement.

That third round was the most exciting so far, with Stracey hooking hard and often, and Lopez showing just why he had been in the ring with Jose Napoles and two occasion in World title fight.

With Stracey established in the driving seat, and Lopez' cuts seemingly making his position desperate, there was consternation when the Britisher was cut by the right eye in the fourth. It looked bad, and Lopez gained new energy as he carried the fight to his opponent, his best round so far.

There was no attempt by Stracey in the fifth to stand off and jab in an effort to protect his injury. The cut had been cleaned up expertly, and he went after Lopez with both hands banging away to head and body.

The American's knees buckled after one Stracey left. He had to take quite a bit of punishment, and at the end of the session he walked towards the wrong corner, an indication of his state of mind.

More trouble for Ernie in the following session, a cut by the left eye, but he was still throwing punches, some of which were accurately placed and not just tossed in desperation. In fact, Lopez was putting up a whale of a fight against great odds, for Stracey was the stronger of the two and his own eye injury didn't seem to bother him although he had also collected a swelling by the right eye.

Stracey just kept coming, his hooking was accurate, his body punching hurtful, and although the talented Lopez produced a complete repertoire of punches in a vain effort to keep his opponent at bay, the younger man would not be denied.

Lopez was finding it more and more difficult to see as his injuries worsened, and his own cornermen, including trainer Teddy Bentham and Ernie's younger brother Danny, a fine featherweight, indicated as much to referee Roland Dakin, who promptly stopped it with 35 seconds of the seventh round remaining.

Full marks to Lopez, whose plucky display had brought the best out of Stracey, and full marks to the latter for overcoming his injury and giving such a fine performance.

Unfortunately for John, the injury to his right eyebrow proved to be a bad one, which will keep him out of the ring for two or three months.

Another of Britain's European champion, Kevin Finnegan, 159¾, proved far too good for Mexican Eddie Mazon, 157, the bout being stopped in the ninth.

Mazon had not been off his feet, and there was protests from the boxer and from his corner, but there was no way the Mexican could have won this one, and Finnegan's points lead must have been overwhelming.

It had been expected that Mazon would be a difficult man to stop, especially as he had twice gone the full route with World Junior middles champ but durability by itself is not enough to win fights, and Mazon didn't possess the skill to extend Finnegan.

The European champion treated this as a training exercise, able to bring his complete repertoire of punches into play, hit his man at will wherever and whenever he wanted to, and occasionally bemuse and bewilder his man with fast combinations.

Mazon was willing, but not able enough to withstand his opponent's attacks. His own plan seemed to be to swing away hopefully, but one once did he have any success, a right in the sixth which caught Finnegan as he lingered on the ropes.

Each round was a repeat of the last, with Finnegan's jabbing left establishing control, and other punches being introduced as Kevin pleased, Mazon surviving a torrid attack in the fifth, which prompted referee Harry Gibbs to check at the end of this session if he was able to continue.

Mazon's cornermen were warned against issuing instructions during the action, and referee Gibbs stopped the fight in the ninth to tell one of them to "shut your trap."

This prompted Finnegan to really open out, and Mazon could only cover up, unable to fight back, as he took punch after punch. Referee Gibbs then rightly intervened, the cornermen again protested, and asked why. Harry replied "To protect your fighter." How right he was.

Referee Gibbs was also involved in a controversy when he disqualified both Alan Minter, Crawley, 159, and Jan Magdziarz, Eastleigh, 159, in the fourth for allegedly "not giving of their best." And once again Harry was right.

These two had met on two previous occasions, with Magdziarz winning both on eye injuries, and each time Minter appeared ahead on points at the time.

This contest was a final eliminator for the British middleweight title, but the importance of the occasion had obviously not registered with either men, as they circled each other, caution personified, for round after round.

It seemed that Minter wasn't prepared to get to grips with his man in the early rounds, because of the risk of getting cut again, but it wasn't clear why Magdziarz, who possesses a hard punch, didn't elect to throw it.

The fans were loud in their disapproval, one or two meat pies were tossed into the ring, one hit Magdziarz, referee Gibbs pocketed another possibly for later consumption, and after several warnings to try and impress on the boxers that this was a final eliminator for a British title Harry disqualified them. He had no other course, and it was in fact the first time in his long and successful career that he had to take such an action.

Britain's latest light heavyweight hope Bill Knight, East Lane, 172, gained his third straight win in the pro ranks, all inside schedule, by beating Johnny Wall, Shoreditch, 174, who retired at the end of the fifth.

In spite of the fact that Wall had a mouth abcess, which was painful, Knight impressed. He jabbed well, and when the time was right, crossed with his right, to good effect.

Wall was a formidable opponent. He had a particularly good second round, his left jab was on target and he used the ring well, but Knight stepped up the tempo, and Johnny had to give ground.

In the third it was nearly all Knight, as he scored with hard rights to the head, with Wall covering up and slowing up. Bill made an all-out effort in the next two rounds to floor his man, but Johnny defended stubbornly, and deserved the applause he received when his retirement was announced.

After six hectic rounds unbeaten John L. Gardner, Hackney, 204, outscored Toni Mikulski, Portsmouth, 208, by 59½-58½. It was the tall Mikulski's first defeat, but he lost his record fighting grimly, and Gardner had to take one or two hefty clumps as they battled for supremacy.

Gardner landed the cleaner punches, and had more all-round ability than his plucky opponent, who had nose and mouth injuries. When Gardner switched to the body, Tony took quite a bit of punishment.

Johnny Claydon, West Ham, 137, avenged his only previous set-back by stopping Ray Holdcroft, Stoke, 136, in five. Although Holdcroft was injured by the left eye Claydon looked ahead on points by means of more accurate punching and skill in defense.

Mark Bliss, Tottenham, 127¾, outpointed Dave Tuohey, Leeds, 127¼, by 60p58½, over six. A hard, fast contest, with Bliss lasting the pace better and keeping in front with sustained attacks.

Tuohey was plucky enough, but couldn't match the Bliss work-rate.

▲Civic Hall, Wolverhampton — Maurice Hope, Hackney, 152¼, became the first Antigua-born boxer to win a British professional title when he knocked out the holder, Larry Paul, Wolverhampton, 151, in the eighth round to annex the light middleweight crown.

It is true that Paul was cut over the left eye with the fight just one minute old, and sustained other cuts later, but this should not be allowed to detract from the conclusive victory of the 22-year-old Hope, who had brought hordes of supporters up from London, and how well he responded to their support.

Paul, unbeaten in 16 bouts prior to this one, was under an immediate handicap when that first-round cut occurred, and his immediate reaction was to come forward and try and knock out Hope.

But Hope, although comparatively inexperienced as a pro, never lost his cool, and gave as good as he got in that torrid opening session.

It was all at close-quarters in the second, with Paul seeking to land a punch hard enough to stop his man, but Hope found little difficulty in blocking his opponent's blows as well as doing a bit of classy counter-punching.

Both were warned for misuse of the head as they punched away in close, and Paul was cut below the left eye.

Try as he may, the champion could not land the decisive punch he so badly needed in order to have his opponent on the receiving end. Hope was cool, calm and collected, allowing Paul to attack, then countering crisply, and not content with just one punch in return.

Paul was subjected to three blows every time he landed one, and was tiring rapidly. He was trying so hard to keep his crown, but it was slipping away, and Hope turned it on in the fourth, outpunching the champion and slowing him considerably.

The fifth was all Hope, and apart from the odd punch which got through the latter's defenses, it was the mixture as before. Paul rallied briefly, seemed to shake Hope momentarily in the sixth, but he couldn't take advantage, and from then on it was just a matter of time.

Paul desperately covered up in the seventh, and bobbed and weaved in an effort to try and evade the fusillade of blows that Hope was throwing. But it was all to no avail, his legs wouldn't respond, and the end came when a two-handed attack, culminating in a left to the head, put him down. He knew what it was all about, but his legs wouldn't respond in time to beat the count.

Afterwards he had stomach cramp, and cuts to his eyes and nose had to receive attention. But Paul went out like a true champion. He never stopped fighting, and if he hadn't been handicapped one or two of the punches he did land might have proved more devastating.

His reign lasted just over a year, and his hard punching certainly added excitement to the comparatively new division.

Hope was great. In eleven bouts he has achieved maturity, and it was revealed afterwards that the fight nearly didn't take place because he sprained his ankle just ten days previously.

Plans for the future — manager Terry Lawless would prefer a challenge for the middleweight title, which is vacant.

Angus McMillan, Glasgow, 140, confirmed a previous points win over Jim Montague, Irish-born Coventry-domiciled, 144½, by 79-78 over eight. Both were cut by the left eye in a close, interesting contest.

Billy Smart, Corby, 127½, outpointed Dave Tuohey, Leeds, 128, by 60-58 over six "twos." Smart boxed his way home against a durable opponent.

Joe Hannaford, Shrewsbury, 161, outpointed Dave Nelson, Wolverhampton, 162, by 59½-58½, also over six. Nelson was decked in the last round.

Randy Barrett, Wolverhampton, 162, gained a close points win by 59-58½ against Paul Stocks, Sheffield, 160, over six.

▲West of England Sporting Club, Bristol — This programme consisted entirely of two-minute rounds, and the fans seemed to enjoy it, although some advocate that in professional boxing rounds should be all of three-minutes duration.

Over ten "twos" substitute George Salmon, Jamaican-born and Stoke-domiciled 148 outpointed Alan Hardiman, Hemel Hempstead, 146, by 98½-97½. And appreciative fans tossed in £15"nobbins."

Salmon was down in the ninth, but Hardiman's success came too late, although he had always shown more aggression, with Salmon doing the countering.

Hardiman's left eye was injured in the sixth, but he kept going, and there was never much between these two.

Keith Nugent, Stoke, 152, another substitute, reversed a privous defeat by outscoring Peter Blake, Southend, 151, by 59-58 over six.

And it was "nobbins" again after Eddie Fenton, Leicester, 204, had drawn with Dave Fry, Bournemouth, 208, over eight. These two kept it moving at a fast pace for big men.

Kevin Evans, Hemel Hempstead, 136, outpointed Gordon Kirk, Liverpool, 141, by 59-58½ over six hectic rounds.

▲Shoreditch Town Hall, London — Jeff Gale, Leeds, 146¼, gained revenge for a previous defeat (his only reverse as a pro) by outpointing Tony Poole, Kettering, 148½, over eight exciting rounds, by 79½-79.

This one got off to a sensational start. Gale came busily forward, but Poole waded in with both hands and Gale looked distinctly nonplussed as he was driven backwards, seemingly glad when the bell ended the opening stanza.

Fortunes fluctuated after this, and they were so enthusiastic that at the start of round six they commenced fighting at the call "Seconds out," instead of waiting for the bell.

Gale just kept his nose in front, in spite of the determined efforts of Poole, who put in a particularly fast and effective final round.

Ian Pickersgill, Doncaster, 138¼, outscored Gary Dunks, Stepney, 137½, over six by 59½-59 in a crowd-pleaser that produced £21 in "nobbins." Pickersgill revealed a talented left jab, but Dunks showed plenty of grit.

"Nobbins" again (British fans sure are generous) when Mark Bliss, Edmonton, 127, won his pro debut by outscoring Richard Scarth, Melton, 128¼, over six by 59½-58.

Bliss started like a whirlwind, but Scarth stayed with him, and when Mark tired in the middle rounds, the Melton boxer used his left hand to get back in to the fight.

Bliss had to survive a couple of uncomfortable moments in the fifth before putting in a strong finish to clinch the issue.

Jimmy Batten, Millwall, 154, stopped Rod Griffiths, Luton, 153, in two after decking him twice. Jimmy's one to watch.

Harry White, Northampton, 177½, twice got off the canvas, then proceeded to knock out Vernon Scott, Willesden, 170, in the fourth.

The show was delayed for an hour, due to the absence of the items they couldn't possibly do without — gloves!

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DURAN BATTERS ORSOLICS

By J. A. TREE

BERLIN, GERMANY — Spaniard Jose Duran won the European junior middleweight crown, beating Frenchman Jacques Kechichian on points in June of this year. Duran let no grass grow under his feet and has since cashed in with two title defenses in Berlin. In September he conquered German Eckhard Dagge in 11 rounds. In November he was back again in the Deutschlandhalle, climbing into the same ring to face Austrian Johann Orsolics. The fight went into the 14th round with the Austrian proving himself to be a brave challenger.

After Orsolics took a standing count of eight the French referee, Paul Talleyrach, broke up the engagement. Orsolics was having his 11th European title fight and hoped to be crowned a third time.

Southpaw Orsolics reigned as junior welter and welterweight champion of Europe during his professional career. Only 4500 turned up for the Duran - Orsolics contest, which was only the second time that two foreigners had fought for a European title in Germany.

Duran will make a third trip to Berlin in the new year to give Eckhard Dagge a return and this third time may not be so lucky for the Spaniard. On the other hand, Dagge will have to produce something more than he did in a supporting bout against Frenchman Jules Bellaiche. Dagge, who had been training in an American gymnasium for four weeks, made hard work of outpointing the Frenchman.

Fritz Chervet's vacated European crown was won by Italian Franco Udella who knocked out Spaniard Pedro Molledo in 2:40 of round five at the Palazzo dello Sport in Milan. A right from the 24-year-old Italian decked Molleda in round four and he was fortunate to hear the bell. In the fifth a right hook to the body followed by a left hook dropped the 28-year-old Spaniard for the full count.

Jose Napoles is not keen on fighting Bruno Arcari in the latter's home town of Genoa, fearing he might be disqualified and go home without his world title.

Only two of the 11 reigning European champions at the end of 1973 still wear their crowns — Joe Bugner, Britain, heavyweight, and Jose Jiminez, Spain, featherweight. The light heavyweight and the junior welterweight crowns are vacant. In the 21 European title contests this year, five champions were dethroned. Two of the bouts were for vacated titles.

Great Britain has four champions of Europe, Spain three, Italy and Norway one each. Six of the title contests were staged in Spain, three in Britain, France and Italy, Norway and Germany two each and Austria and Denmark one apiece.

French lightweight champion in 1949, Roger Baour, died recently at the age of 48. In France there are 193 professional boxers.

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European junior middleweight king Jose Duran of Spain (left) mixes it up with Austria's Johann Orsolics during their title contest in Berlin, Germany. Duran emerged victorious when the referee halted matters in the 14th round.

EUROPEAN RATINGS

(As of December 15, 1974)

Heavyweights
* Joe Bugner (GB)
1. Bepi Ros (I)
2. Dante Cane (I)
3. Rudi Lubbers (H)
4. Mario Baruzzi (I)
5. Bernd August (G)
6. Jean Pierre Coopman (B)
7. Jan Lubbers (H)
8. Jose Urtain (S)
9. Casimiro Martinez (S)
10. Armano Zanini (I)

Light heavies
Title vacant
1. Karl Heinz Klein (G)
2. Rudiger Schmidtke (G)
3. Tom Bogs (D)
4. Conny Velensek (G)
5. Aldo Traversaro (I)
6. Domenico Adinolfi (I)
7. Harald Skog (N)
8. Lothar Stengel (G)
9. Sergio Janilli (I)
10. Christian Poncelet (F)

Middleweights
* Kevin Finnegan (UK)
1. Gratien Tonna (F)
2. Jean Claude Bouttier (F)
3. Fabio Bettini (F)
4. Max Cohen (F)
5. Franz Csandl (A)
6. Frank Reiche (G)
7. Domenico Tiberia (I)
8. Germano Valseechi (I)
9. Poul Knudsen (D)
10. Elio Calcabrini (I)

Junior middles
* Jose Duran (S)
1. Eckhard Dagge (G)
2. Jacques Kechichian (F)
3. Johann Orsolics (A)
4. Fighting Mack (H)
5. Jean Claude Warusfel (F)
6. Aldo Bentini (I)
7. Damiano Lossandro (I)
8. Antonio Castellini (I)
9. Francis Vermandere (F)
10. Alberto Torri (I)

Welterweights
* John H. Stracey (UK)
1. Bruno Arcari (I)
2. Domenico Di Jorio (I)
3. Marco Scano (I)
4. Max Hebeisen (Switz)
5. Germain Lemaitre (F)
6. Jorgen Hansen (D)
7. Gonzalez Dopico (S)
8. Kristian Hoydahl (N)
9. Laurits Jensen (D)
10. Mimoun Mohatar (S)

Junior Welters
Title vacant
1. Perico Fernandez (S)
2. Toni Ortiz (S)
3. Roger Zami (F)
4. Bruno Freshi (I)
5. Piero Ceru (I)
6. Ernesto Bergamesco (I)
7. Gomez Fouz (S)
8. Walter Blaser (Switz)
9. Bernard Creto (F)
10. Fernando Sanchez (S)

Lightweights
* Ken Buchanan (UK)
1. Antonio Puddu (I)
2. Enzo Pizzoni (I)
3. Ugo Di Pietro (I)
4. Leonard Tavarez (F)
5. Nedo Fabbri (I)
6. Efisio Pinna (I)
7. Andre Holyk (F)
8. Jean Piedvacchi (F)
9. Jeronimo Lucas (S)
10. Miguel Velazquez (S)

Junior Lights
* Sven Erik Paulsen (N)
1. Lothar Abend (G)
2. Ugo Poli (I)
3. Giovanni Girgenti (I)
4. Mario Redl (I)
5. Mario Sanna (I)
6. Natale Vezzoli (I)
7. Miguel Molleda (S)
8. Errki Nikkinen (Fn)
9. Manuel Alcala (S)
10. Domingo Jiminez (S)

Featherweights
* Jose Jiminez (S)
1. Elio Cotena (I)
2. Toni Sassarini (I)
3. Enzo Farinelli (I)
4. Michele Siracusa (I)
5. Daniel Vermandere (F)
6. Gilles Debert (F)
7. Pasqualino Morbidelli (I)
8. Ramiro Marichal (S)
9. Giuliano Lai (I)
10. Rodolfo Garcia (S)

Bantamweights
* Bob Allotey (S)
1. Salvatore Fabrizio (I)
2. Ambrogio Mariani (I)
3. Guy Caudron (F)
4. Jacky Bihin (F)
5. Jose Luis Otero (S)
6. Fernando Atzori (I)
7. Franco Petrozzi (I)
8. Pedro Pinto (S)
9. Ferdinando Ripamonti (I)
10. Luigi Tessarini (I)

Flyweights
* Franco Udella (I)
1. Emilio Pireddu (I)
2. Franco Sperati (I)
3. Dominque Cessari (I)
4. Pedro Molledro (S)
5. Christian Martin (F)
6. Franco Buglione (I)
7. Angelo Spano (I)
8. Altero Marini (I)
9. Mariano Garcia (S)
10. Dino Contemori (I)

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CALIFORNIA TURNS OUT TO HONOR E. SANDERS

By ABE HOCHHEISER

Los Angeles, Calif. — A turnout of six hundred honored a great guy and a credit to boxing, Everett L. Sanders, former California State Athletic Commissioner, with a testimonial dinner at the International Hotel. The dinner was co-sponsored by the Cauliflower Alley Club, Golden State Veterans Boxers Association and National Boxing Resource Committee.

Sanders served on the State Athletic Commission from 1939 until 1955 and he wrote the basic rules of boxing which are still in effect. Previously a thirteen-page book of rules governed boxing in the State of California. Sanders revision and augmentation of the rules turned out to be a 256-page book covering every phase of boxing regulations.

For years four round bouts existed in California. In 1924 ten round and twelve round no-decision bouts were approved. In 1941, Sanders, as a member of the commission, proposed fifteen round championship bouts to conform with regulations in other states as a means of bringing world championship contests to the Golden State.

A galaxy of fistic names and celebrities were in attendance: Former champs Jimmy McLarnin, William "Gorilla" Jones, Ceferino Garcia, Richie Lemos, Mushy Callahan. Others were Lou Nova, Al "Abie" Bain, Willie Bean, Emil Paluso, Nobile "Kid" Chissell, Billy Wallace, Bert Colima, Newsboy (Dave Montrose) Brown, Enrique Bolanos, Red Shanon, Clerance Henry, Joe Sales, Pat Cominsky. Also, Cisco Andrade, Jimmy McDaniels, Russ Harley, Jimmy O'Gatty, Elmer Beltz, former Canadian lightweight Jackie Hayden, Oscar "Shotgun" Alvarado. Boxing managers: Ralph Gambina, Joe Ponce, Johnny Villaflor and Jackie McCoy. Boxing referees: John Thomas and George Latka. San Francisco gym owner Joe Herman. Boxing writer Dick Mastro. Former wrestlers Jim Londos and Mike Mazurki. Boxing Commissioners Bob Voigt, Gorden Delfaro and Joey Olmos. Noted California Attorney-At-Law Paul Cariso who also represents the Golden State Veterans Boxers Association. Also, George Levin, Secretary-Treasurer Golden State VBA and Marshall Wright, Executive Director of the Cauliflower Alley Club.

Toastmaster was Bill Schroeder of the Helms Athletic Foundation. MC was Paul Zimmerman, former sports editor of the Los Angeles Times. Dinner Chairman was former boxer George Wagner, now Chief of Police of Bell, California.

George Martin, representing the State of Massachusetts, presented the Paul Revere Patriots Award to former boxers Sid Marks and Frankie Garcia.

Guest speaker and friend of boxing was California State Assemblyman Paul Bannai. The invocation was given by Father Michael Callahan, son of Musky Callahan former boxing champ.

Sanders was also inducted into the Helms Boxing Hall of Fame as a noted contributor to boxing.

The fifth annual California Oldtimers Boxing Hall of Fame dinner was held in Fresno at the Mid-State Bowl. Former heavyweight Lou Nova M.C.'ed the affair.

Inducted into the Hall of Fame were former heavyweight champs Jack Dempsey and Jess Willard. Others inducted were Tod Morgan, former junior lightweight champ, Vince Dundee, former middleweight champ, Bud Taylor, former bantam champ, Carl Bobo Olson, former middleweight champ, Harold Dade, former bantam champ, Richie Lemos, former featherweight champ, Jackie Jurich, former flyweight champ, Danny Kramer, featherweight 1920 era, Ray Lunny, lightweight, 1940 era, Pat Valentino, heavyweight, 1940 era, Willie Meehan, heavyweight of the 1900 era who fought Jack Dempsey, Frankie Garcia, featherweight 1920 era, Baby Joe Gans, lightweight-welterweight 1920-30 era, Speedy Dado, bantamweight 1930 era, Al Sandell, veteran amateur boxing coach and Alan Ward, veteran sports editor Oakland Tribune.

Each new Hall of Fame member was given a large inscribed metal trophy and a framed scroll bearing his name and photograph. Alan Ward, Frankie Garcia, Richie Lemos, Bobo Olson, Al Sandell and Ray Lunny attended to receive their trophies. Veteran boxing writer and Hall of Fame chairman Billy Mahoney made the presentations.

Among those in attendance were former champs Jimmy McLarnin, Young Corbett, 3rd, Ceferino Garcia. Others attending were Tony Olivera, Billy Wallace, Emil Paluso, Ray Lunny, 3rd, Mario Duccini, Jack Downey, Joe Herman, Jack Silver, California Joe Lynch, Joe Vargos, Johnny Farr, Tony Azevedo, Nobile "Kid" Chissell, Olin Loy, Harry Hertzog, Al Manfredo, Rudy Cruz, Goldie Hess, Jack Powell, Trench King, Sammy Offerman, Eddie Fagundes, Newsboy Milich, Johnny Erjavec, Floyd Red Taylor, Bill Freitas, Al "Abie" Bain, George Levine, Billy Cook, Alex McDonald, Dr. Bradford Levin, Spike Hennessey, Johnny Corona, Jimmy Bernstein, Johnny Smith, Jimmy Cosenza, Johnny Coon, Art Downey, Grover Daily, Joey Fox, Ernie Erada and Hank Cloud.

LEE SCORES TKO OVER SPENCER AT KINGSTON

By HARVEY GRANT

Kingston, Jamaica—Roy Lee successfully defended his middleweight championship of Jamaica against Windell Spencer. The club physician halted the bout.

The decision went into the records as a TKO in round five.

It was a marked success of brain and intelligence over brawn and force.

VILLAFLOR-LUNNY FIGHT DRAW IN 6, CHAMP BUTTED

(Continued from page 51)

172½, San Francisco, (4); Alfonso Gonzales, 172½, Los Angeles, dec. over Sam Helmer, 177, San Francisco, (6); Hector Negretti, 158, Stockton, dec. over Richard Shirdan, 161, San Francisco, (6).

▲**Los Angeles**—A thundering overhand to the chin of Jose Miranda of Mexico ended the main event at the Olympic Auditorium after 2:53 of the sixth round.

Carlos Palomino, 146½, Westminster, scored with the potent right to set up his 12 win out of 13 starts.

Up to the final blow, Carlos held a slight lead over his Mexico City rival, who weighed, 147½.

Young Casanova, 121, Mexicali, looked impressive in winning a six round decision over Baby Corona, 123½, Los Angeles, in the six round semifinal.

Young Sanford, 199, a protege of comedian Redd Foxx, floored Joe Ballard, 202, Phoenix, four times in gaining a three round knockout.

The crowd of 2,353 contributed to a gate of $4,410.45.

▲**San Diego**—Veteran Denny Moyer, 160, Portland, had just too much experience for Vicente Median, 158½, Phoenix, in their 10-rounder at the Coliseum.

Denny had an edge in seven out of the ten rounds.

Raymundo Martinez, 131, Los Angeles, dec. over Carlos Perez, 129, San Diego, (8); Hiva Sekona, 160, Tonga, KO over Mario Garcia, 158, San Diego, (2); Pinto Spears, 250½, San Diego, and Mel Marshall, 199½, Los Angeles, drew (5).

▲**Sacramento**—Joe Guevara, 121, a fine prospect, stopped Rafael Lopez, 126, Mexico, in the sixth round of their scheduled at the Memorial Auditorium.

In an eight rounder, Pete Ranzany, 147½, Sacramento, was upset by Jimmy Jackson, 148, Oakland.

Jim Burchett, 150, Sacramento, decisioned Roger Buckskin, 152, Eurka, in an eight.

The gate was $5,171

▲**Los Angeles**—State lightweight kingpin Monroe Brooks was an easy winner over Octavio Amparon of Mexico at the Olympic Auditorium—but the crowd booed Brooks for his lack of aggression.

Brooks, a stylist boxer, had everything going his way, but couldn't come close to decking the fighter from Mexico City.

It was Monroe's 24th victory against one loss.

Brooks scaled 137, Amparon, 137½.

Danny O'Campo, 123½, Los Angeles, dec. Young Casanova, 120, Mexicali, (6); Miguel Meza, 126, East Los Angeles, and Germain Lopez, 125, Mexico, drew (5); Juan Lopez, 120, Los Angeles, dec. over Mario Chavez, 119½, San Diego, (5).

THOMPSON INJURES FRAZER WHO CAN'T MAKE ROUND 8

By RAY MITCHELL

Sydney, Australia — World title contender Hector Thompson, the Australian and Commonwealth junior welterweight champion, added another scalp to his belt when he halted former world champion Alfonso "Peppermint" Frazer at Brisbane.

Frazer quit as the bell ushered in round eight. Fans hooted the Panamanian's retirement but subsequent medical examination proved that he had suffered a separation of two ribs—done by Thompson's body punching. Frazer said the injury occurred in the sixth round.

The Festival Hall was sold out hours before the fight at $15 tops. Hundreds were turned away.

On my unofficial card Thompson led 70-64 at the end of the seventh round, two rounds being even, Thompson winning the remainder.

It was quite a contest with Thompson right at the top of his form. He has shown that he can handle the boxers (such as Frazer), the hard hitters (Carlos Gimenez), the bustlers and all other types.

The first round was even, as was the sixth. For the rest Thompson shaded Frazer in the boxing department, outslugged him when the Panamanian elected to stand with him, and carried too much fire-power.

Weights: Thompson, 138¼; Frazer, 140½.

▲Tony Ryder, 125½, again successfully defended his Australian featherweight title by knocking our Billy Mulholland, 125, in the 13th round, at Woonona-Bulli R.S.L. Club. When they met four months earlier I stopped the fight in the 12th round.

Mulholland, ahead by one point on my card at the end of the 12th at their latest meeting, was knocked down in the 13th and, as in their first bout, was not given a chance to recover. I stopped the fight as Billy was against the ropes with no place to go.

Mulholland had established a six-point lead by the end of the 9th but Ryder whittled it down over the last three.

In an eight-round support Binky Rominski, 135, knocked out Rod Connors, 132, after the third round. When the bell ended the round Connors landed a punch. Rominski retaliated with a harder one, and down went Connors, out. Referee Les Wilson crowned Rominski. "Connors landed the first punch after the bell," he said. "Rominski just retaliated."

▲Australian lightweight champion Colin Cassidy went to Papua to defend his Australian title against Papuan Martin Beni who has been rattling up a rather sensational KO record. Papua, which is part of the island of New Guinea, is a protectorate of Australia, and Papuan-born persons are legally Australian citizens, though no Papuan ever boxed for an Australian title before.

Cassidy and Beni met at Port Moresby but Cassidy weighed in two pounds over the limit. Beni made the weight but under Australian rules Cassidy lost his title on the scales, thus leaving the throne vacant.

Beni won the fight by KO in round nine but did not win the title. Tough on Beni put perfectly fair.

After all, how can one win a lightweight title by beating a junior welterweight?

▲Australian welterweight champion Rocky Mattioli, 148, won a points decision over Venezuelan Guerrero Chavez, 145, at Melbourne, but was not impressive. The decision was clear-cut but Mattioli was downed early in the fight—for the first time in his career—and this so upset his pride that he beat Chavez by brute strength and forcefullness, instead of boxing to a plan. Rocky can do much better.

In the eight-round support, fast-moving southpaw Jimmy Brown, 128, knocked out Robbie Williams, 129, in the fifth round.

Former Australian junior-middle champion Johnny Galluzzo, 153½, met up-and-coming dynamite puncher Ricky Patterson, 150, at Castle Hill for the vacant New South Wales State title. In the first round Galluzzo swarmed all over the youngster but in the second Patterson got his big guns working. He dropped Galluzzo with a hook to the jaw. Johnny was up before the ten but shortly afterwards was decked again, this time with a rip to the body. I counted to ten.

In an eight-round support Al Gattling, 174, easily outpointed Clarrie Phillips, 175.

▲Australian and Commonwealth flyweight champion Big Jim West, 117, was too much for Guinea Hillier, 119, at Blacktown and won very comfortably on points in a crowd-pleaser. West will beat all the aggressive pugs his weight.

▲One week later at the same club, Australian junior-light champion Billy Moeller, 132½, was pushed right out by Jeff Malcolm, 134, over ten, in a battle of southpaws. Moeller got it on points and will defend his title against Malcolm next month.

▲At Blacktown, two tens headlined. In one, Guinea Hillier, 118¼ outpointed Wayne Wallace, 119½, in a real crowd-pleaser. In the other, Steve Dennis, 147½ KO 9 Les Knox, 146.

▲The following week, Mick O'Brien, 125¾, halted Joe Laferla, 125, in the sixth after trailing on points. Mick got on top in the 6th, decked Laferla and had him ready for real trouble soon afterwards when Jimmy Carruthers rescued Joe.

▲Speedie Duke, 140, outpointed Ross Eadie, 141, in a poor bout at Kingsford. Eadie boxed well below form. The following week Steve Dennis, 146, underrated Paddy Green, 142, and was patchy in his boxing through most of the bout, though he held a points lead coming into the final round.

Dennis opened up in that round, decked Green, and when Paddy regained his feet around eight, his eyes were not focussing so I stopped the fight immediately. Only 15 seconds remained to the scheduled end, but a lot of punches can land in 15 seconds. Or just one big one that Green could not have blocked.

▲Eddie Buttons, 145, and Sid Dumbrell, 146, gave a sparkling display in the main eight at Souths Juniors, at the end of which all three officials scored the bout even—and that is unusual: three drawn cards. As ref I carded 78-78. Each of the two judges carded 77-77.

▲One week later Ross Eadie, 139, outpointed a lethargic Ceddy McGrady, 139, by enough to outfit a porcupine.

▲At New Lambton, Willie Leslie, 128½, outpointed Keith Ball, 128, in a real crowd-pleaser that drew a large shower of coins from ringsiders. After the bout a fan gave Leslie $10 as an extra bonus. Willie immediately changed the bill into two fives and gave one to Ball. Nice gesture.

In the main support to the Thompson-Frazer fight, Ian Thomas, 142½, knocked out Ian Looker, 146, in the fourth of a scheduled ten for the Queensland State welter title.

▲At Cammeray, Greg McNamara, 169, outpointed Al Gattling, 172, over ten. This was a repeat points win for Mac but each bout has been close.

Referee Jimmy Carruthers gave it to McNamara by one point. Gattling is a comer. In the supporting eight Kim McCain, 138, drew with Mark Duffy, 135.

▲At Merewether, Binky Rominski, 136, outpointed Joey Collins, 140, in a good bout that drew a large shower of coins and notes.

▲Harry Fitzpatrick, 128, outpointed Roy Hughes, 131, at Brookvale, and Alex Burns, 145, outpointed Steve Campbell, 144, at Riverwood Legion Club.

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OSCAR BATTERS VAKA IN FIFTH AFTER SO-SO CONTEST IN HONOLULU

By TED YAMACHIKA

Honolulu, Hawaii — Oscar Bonavena, 207, Argentina, displayed class and his national rating by knocking out Mani Vaka, 206, Tonga, in the 5th of a scheduled ten rounder at the Honolulu International Center arena.

Bonavena, an easy going person outside the ring, is all business once inside it. But he never really got warmed up, despite scoring two knockdowns in the 2nd, or quite angry enough until he was hit a couple good blows in the 4th.

He came out steaming in the next round and after backing Vaka into the ropes, finished him with a half dozen solid lefts. Vaka collapsed to the floor and was down for quite a while.

Al Guitierrez, 114, Philippines, stopped Mario Rogelio, 114½, Mexico, in the 5th of ten.

Bob Bozic, 208, Canada, beat Koroseta Kid, 200, Samoa, in 8.

Modesto Dayaganon, 126, Philippines, stopped Osamu Toku, 125, Japan, in 3.

Pake Dudoit, 205, Honolulu, knocked out William Vea, 198, Honolulu, in 2.

▲Frankie Duarte, 113½, Los Angeles, surprised everybody by knocking out highly-rated Cecil Escobido, 114, Philippines, in the 2nd of ten.

Shinji "Buzzsaw" Yamabe, 136, Japan, knocked out Mario Roman, 135¾, Mexico, in the third of 10. Yamabe is now the hottest thing in Honolulu.

Shinobu Fujita, 121¾, Japan, finished Jose Ybanez, 121¼, Philippines, in the 5th.

Hideo Kobayashi, 122, Japan, chilled Virgilio Amano, 121, Philippines, in 2.

Pake Dudoit, 204, Honolulu, decisioned Lei Mounga, 200¾, Samoa, in 4.

Mario Roman, 138, Mexico, knocked out Chris Pasumil, 136, Philippines, in the 2nd of ten.

▲Al Gutierrez, 115½, Philippines, beat Jose Luis Flores, 115¾, Mexico, in 10.

Modesto Dayaganon, 121, Philippines, beat Shinobu Fujita, 122, Japan, in 6.

Kiyoshi Kazama, 138, Japan, outpointed Mitsuyuki Nakane, 137, Japan, in 6.

Virgilio Amano, 114, Philippines, chilled Joe Estrella, 115, Honolulu, in 2.

▲Shinji "Buzzsaw" Yamabe, 137, Japan, knocked out Rico Toledo, 135, Philippines, in the 7th of ten.

Domi Cruz, 121, Philippines, knocked out Hideo Kobayashi, 120, Japan, in the 6th of ten.

Kiyoshi Kazama, 137, Japan, decisioned Flor Ybanez, 129, Philippines, in 6.

Mitsuyuki Nakane, 137, Japan, beat Domi Manalang, 138, Philippines, in 5.

Teddy Limoz, 186, Honolulu, finished William Vea, 200, Honolulu, in the 1st.

▲Al Gutierrez, 116, Philippines, knocked out Mifuni Go, 117, Japan, in the 7th of ten. Gutierrez was too big, too strong.

Young Kennedy, 151, Honolulu, defeated Pongi Lie, 153, Tonga, in ten dull rounds.

Emilio Placencia, 129, Philippines, finished Tet Murai, 128, Japan, in 3.

Kiyoshi Kazama, 136, Japan, stopped Jesse Villagonza, 135, Philippines, in one round.

Tony Maldonado, 150, Honolulu, beat Takeshi Watanabe, 149, Japan, in 5.

CANADIAN BOXERS' DEMANDS KEEP DOMINION STAGNATE

By FRANK ALLNUTT

Toronto, Can. — Mainly due to the stranglehold that the promoters of the closed circuit showing of the Foreman-Ali affair in Zaire which was shown in Canada 'live' boxing, with one excep 'on, the record breaking Paduano-Leclaire fight held in Montreal, has been dead. It looks as though Montreal will be the first in the field again with a 'live' card. In the past six months no Canadian champions have been in action and nefforts to negotiate title bouts have fallen through.

Like many of the hockey and football players who are vastly overpaid, Canadian champions, the few we have are doing their best to price themselves out of business.

At the end of the year Canada had two men who held world class ratings, Clyde Gray and Art Hafety, but their ratings are doing nothing for them. Canadian and Commonwealth welterweight champion, Clyde Gray, #1 in the world ratings, keeps busy in brick-laying, not boxing, to keep some money coming in. Art Hafey who ran into problems after the untimely death of Suey Welch has slipped badly in the ratings. Both men in Canada are fast becoming forgotten men.

To close out the year the following champions are recognized by the Canadian Professional Boxing Federation:

Heavyweight. Champion. George Chuvalo. (Toronto).
Light Heavy. Champion. Gary Summerhays. (Brantford)
Middleweight. Champion. Dave Downey. (Halifax)
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Featherweight, bantamweight and flyweight divisions vacant.

Due to the lack of contenders in both the heavy and the light heavyweight classes these divisions remain stagnant with no title fights in view for the coming season.

Middleweight title holder, Dave Downey, took part in little action during the year, over-due for a title defense. Clyde Gray in his last two fights in Toronto was not severely tested in halting both Gil King and Fate Davis. Gray's Commonwealth welterweight title is now on the line. He has been called upon to defend against either John Stracey (U.K.), Eddie Blay (Ghana) or Rocky Mattioli (Australia). Johnny Summerhays, the newly crowned lightweight champion has to defend against Paul Collette (Montreal) or Barry Sponagle (New Glasgow), champions choice.

As in the past it has been proven thatT.V. fights and studio boxing do nothing for boxing as a sport. It is used only as a fill-in between commercials. The same applies to Closed Circuit T.V. showings, true there are no commercials seen but the only people who benefit from these showings are the few that hold the rights to the showings. Live fights should be made mandatory as part of any closed circuit showing, it would at least give the fans a chance to see live action rather than just an over-priced film show. Fights on film do nothing to keep boxing going, only the support of 'live' shows which puts money back into the sport will keep it active and healthy.

FLYWEIGHT UDELLA NEW IDOL OF ITALIAN FANS

By ALDO SPOLDI

Milan, Italy — Italy found a "champion" and the best drawing card in the little-giant Franco Udella. The Sardinian, Franco Udella, survivor of two Olympics and hundreds of amateur bouts, who turned professional at the age of 28, became the best drawing card after a KO defeating Betulio Gonzales for the world title.

At the Sport Palace of Milan, full to capacity, Franco Udella became a contender for the vacant European flyweight title against the Spanish Pedro Molledo.

It was a great night for Italian boxing. All the great champions were present: former European champion of two classes, Nino Benvenuti, Sandro Lopopolo, Carmelo Bossi, Salvatore Burruni, Duilio Loi and Mario D'Agata. Also, Nazzareno Giannelli, Aldo Spoldi, Tonino Puddu and Giancarlo Garbelli. Former Italian champions Franco Sperati and Franco Festucci also cheered for the little-giant, who with a photo enlargement, could pass for Rocky Marciano.

His opponent Pedro Molledo already had fought and lost on points to Franco Udella last year but had more experience as a professional. Right from the beginning, the Italian assaulted the Spaniard with a series of three and four punches at a time with exceptional speed. After 90 seconds, the Spaniard found himself on the floor for the count of 8.

From then on, the fans got on their feet and yelled for the Sardinian who became faster. In the fourth round the Spaniard got floored again. In the fifth the Italian ran out of his corner and assaulted the Spaniard and after 65 seconds, Molledo was on the floor for the third time and Udella landed a perfect "one-two" on the chin and went out.

Franco Udella won a great fight. The reason: Molledo, after being floored during the first, third and fourth rounds became dangerous with his series of speedy punches so Udella put everything he had into a hard right and KOed the Spaniard. The bout against the World Champion Betulio Gonzales was the "vitamins" bout for Franco Udella. Instead of taking the best he gave his best.

Never having a good heavyweight, Italy has found in the flyweight Udella a little-giant that makes people stand up and shout during a fight.

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THE BRITISH ISLES

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▲Bedfordshire Sporting Club — Former British featherweight champion Jimmy Revie, Walworth, 126, avenged a previous defeat and also took the Southern Area title by beating Mario Stango, Bedford, 124½, who retired on an eye injury at the end of the fourth round.

When they met six months previous Stango won in two rounds, but on this occasion Revie was careful not to run into the lethal left hooks of his opponent in this all-southpaw battle.

Stango's left eye lid was cut in the second, and Revie was proving the cleaner puncher in a fight that got untidy sometimes. Jimmy was warned for alleged misuse of the head on a couple of occasions, but looked ahead when the premature ending came.

The Stango camp were convinced that but for the injury their man would have won, and suggest a "rubber" match. Why not?

John McKnight, Glasgow, 121¼, outpointed Frank Wagstaff, Bedford, over six "twos" by 59½-58½. McKnight's experience was the deciding factor.

Eddie Fenton, Leicester, 197, beat John Celebanski, Bradford, 198, who was ruled out in the fifth for "persistently failing to obey instructions and low punching."

Good debut for Mick Ferretti, Bedford, 166, who stopped Randy Barrett, Wolverhampton, 163, in the opening session after decking him twice.

▲York Hall, Bethnal Green, London — Vernon Sollas, Edinburgh, 128, drew with Tommy Wright, Doncaster, 130, over eight. Although many thought Sollas deserved to win, Vern himself agreed that he could have been sharper.

When they met eight months previously Sollas won on points, and with Wright coming in this time as a substitute, Vern looked early on as if he would repeat his victory.

However, Wright refused to concede, fought back vigorously, and made a fine effort in the closing rounds.

Sollas boxed neatly as always, but looked a bit ring-rusty after being knocked out by British champion Evan Armstrong four months previously.

In the fourth Sollas stepped up the pace and got home with one right that made his opponent blink, whereupon Vern followed up with a two-handed attack that had Tommy covering up.

Sollas bled from the nose, and was marked on the face. He was throwing a lot of right hands, trying to establish ascendancy, but Wright punched with him, and Sollas looked more tired than his opponent at the finish.

If Wright hadn't been so tentative at the start, if Sollas had been that wee bit sharper . . but that's what the fight game is all about.

Bill Knight, Walworth, 174, knocked out Steve Foley, Bedford, 176½, in the opening session with a left to the chin as the latter came forward. It was a beautiful punch, and underlines Knight as one to follow among the newcomers.

Peter Cain, Notting Hill, 160, outscored Bob Murphy, Manchester, 160½, over six by 59½-59. A close, grim encounter, with southpaw Murphy coming forward persistently, only to take some heavy rights as he did so.

Jimmy Batten, Millwall, 151¼, outpointed Yotham Kunda, Swansea, 150, over six by 60-57. Kunda was decked in the second, and Batten gave a cool, competent display.

Gordon Kirk, Kirkby, 145, outscored debutant Mickey Morse, Burnt Oak, over six "twos" by 60-57. Morse was down three times.

▲Great International Sporting Club, Nottingham — Tim McHugh, Birkenhead, 155, outpointed Danny McCafferty, Glasgow, 161, by 79-78 over eight. A good performance by McCafferty, who had been inactive for 18 months, but McHugh deserved to keep his unbeaten record.

Harry White, Northampton, 176½, outpointed Johnny Cox, also from Northampton, 175, over six by 60-58. Cox was down in the second.

Dick Goodman, Kettering, 134¾, gained a narrow points win over debutant Delvin White, London, 133, by 59-58½, in their six-rounder.

Billy Smart, Corby, 128, stopped Steve Enwright, Bradford, 122, in three after decking him four times.

▲Anglo-American Sporting Club, London — For the Club's 10th Anniversary show at the Hilton Hotel the bill was topped by former British and Commonwealth middleweight champion Bunny Sterling, St. Pancras, who gained a close 79-78½ points win over Victor Attivor, Ghana, in their eight-rounder.

This was a light-heavyweight contest, but Sterling's weight caused a bit of a gasp. At 174 he was 12 pounds over the middleweight limit.

Sterling is in line for a crack at his old British title, and this does seem to be quite a chunk of poundage to shed without weakening himself in the process.

However, it should be said that Sterling has never failed to make the limit in an eliminator or a title bout, so there's no reason to worry.

This was a creditable performance by Attivor, who had only seven previous bouts. He lacked Sterling's skill, but compensated with aggression, determination and some hefty right swings.

Sterling used the ring well, especially in the early stages, but later slowed up, making it possible for Attivor to get within range to throw rights to the head, and the Ghanaian had a good sixth.

The experienced Sterling had a bit in hand as he outboxed his opponent in the two final rounds, but Attivor continued to throw punches until the final bell.

Southpaw Frankie Lucas, St. Vincent, living in Croydon, 166, made a successful pro debut by stopping Pat Brogan, Sheffield, 164, in five.

Lucas, who was ignored by the selectors even though he held the British amateur title, instead represented his native St. Vincent and won a Gold Medal at the Commonwealth Games.

Against Brogan he jabbed accurately, and soon had his opponent intent on self-preservation. No knockdowns, but Lucas in complete control.

Oscar Angus, Aylesbury, 160, drew with Lloyd Gardner, Acton, 164¾, over six all-action rounds. Looked a fair result.

▲Kimbells Ballroom, Southsea — Convincing pro debut from Wayne Evans, Waterlooville, 118½, who stopped Ray Scott. Liverpool, 129, in five.

Scott was decked in the second, and although he came right back into the fight was caught with a right to the chin in the fifth that put him down. The referee did not take up the count, as Scott was well and truly out.

Evans revealed speed of punch and of foot, and his sustained attacks were too much for the plucky Scott.

Kevin Paddock, Southampton, 160, beat Joey Gammon, Shoreditch, 160½, who retired at the end of the fourth after being floored for seven.

Sid Paddock, Southampton, 192, brother of Kevin, drew with Dave Fry, Bournemouth, 203, over six. A hectic scrap, much appreciated by the fans, and a fair result.

Pat Thompson, Liverpool, 177, outscored Mike Cottingham, Lymington, over by 59½-59. six, overcoming the handicap of an injury to the left eye, and decking his man in the third. When they met previously Cottingham won on an eye injury.

▲National Sporting Club, London — Scottish lightweight champion Alan Buchanan, Edinburgh, 127, Billy Hardacre, Liverpool, 127¼, and knocked him out in the fourth.

A tremendous performance by Buchanan, who could well stay in the featherweights so that he will not be boxing in the same division as his brother Ken, who is hoping to fight soon for the World lightweight crown.

The normally durable Hardacre took two punches to the jaw that decked him in the fourth, he went down for a second time, and on the third occasion a left to the chin did the trick.

Trevor Francis, Basingstoke, 149, avenged a previous defeat by stopping Mickey Flynn, Manchester, 146, in the sixth, albeit on an eye injury.

There wasn't a lot in it when the end came, southpaw Flynn showing up well with right jabs, but Francis shone best at close quarters.

Flynn was cut over the right eye in the sixth, and the fight was stopped. The injury required four stitches.

Gerry Duffy, Dunfermline, 127½, stopped debutant Ernest Victory, Gibraltar, 138, in the opening session, after himself being decked with a left to the chin.

Duffy was up immediately, and then it was Victory's turn to hit the canvas. When he rose Duffy waded in and a flurry of blows put Victory down again, whereupon the bout was stopped.

Paul Stocks, Sheffield, 159, drew with Charlie Richardson, Liverpool, 156½, over six "twos."

▲World Sporting Club, London — Substitute Maxie Smith, Stockton, 176¾, easily outpointed Raul Loyola, Argentina, 173½, over ten by 99½-97.

Only in the opening stages did Loyola show any enterprise, after that the Argentinian appeared intent on keeping out of trouble.

Smith did his best to make the fight interesting, only to be grabbed as soon as he got to close quarters. At times it was an untidy bout, both men being warned, then Loyola being censured again for holding.

The result was a formality, and only a belated rally by Loyola, in the eighth, greeted by ironical cheers from the bored spectators, kept the fight alive.

Smith's mouth was cut, but he withstood his opponent's pressure, and soon took over again to win a comfortable verdict.

Result of the Fred Pontin £2,000 Heavyweight Competition was a win in the final for Neville Meade, 210, former British and Commonwealth Games amateur champion, who outpointed Harold James, West Ham, 187, over four rounds by 39½-39. Not everyone agreed with the verdict.

Preliminary results in this competition — 1st Series: Meade stopped Geoff Hepplestone, Barnsley, 208 (pro debut) in first: James outscored Wally "Bimbo" Pearce, Newport, 195½, over three: Tony Blackburn, Tonyrefail, 194½, outpointed Kenny Burrell, Worksop, 216 over three: Les McGowan, Liverpool, 183, outpointed Tony Moore, Battersea, 186½, over three, the latter's first defeat: Semi-finals: Meade kayoed McGowan in first: James stopped Blackburn in third.

Tommy Dunn, Reading, 133, stopped Dave Ward, Manchester, 143, in five. Ward's nose was broken

▲St. Andrews Sporting Club, Glasgow — There was a major controversy after George Turpin, Liverpool, 126½, had knocked out Alan Buchanan, Edunburgh, 127½, in the fourth round.

This was the sequence of events.

Turpin was boxing coolly, Buchanan was aggressive, and at the end of the third there was little in it, perhaps Turpin having a slight edge.

Buchanan came out quickly for the fourth, banged away to the body, then switched to the head, and his lethal left hook had Turpin on the canvas for eight.

When he rose Turpin was caught with a right to the head that put him on his knees, but he was up at one.

Referee Arnold Bryson then stepped between the boxers in Buchanan's corner, whereupon Turpin threw a right that caught the Scot flush on the chin, and followed up with two more punches to the head.

Buchanan went to the canvas, and try as he might, could not rise in time to beat the count.

This started a terrific rumpus, and Buchanan's connections said they would appeal to the Scottish Area Council. They alleged that the referee had failed to call "break" when he stepped between the boxers, and also that Turpin's last two punches were to the back of the head, and not on the target area.

There were those who said that Buchanan should have protected himself, but many things happen in the heat of the moment, and it's not always easy for both boxers to hear and appreciate what is going on.

So you either say good luck to Turpin for using his initiative in taking advantage of the situation, which if the referee did not call "break" he was perfectly entitled to do, or you sympathise with Buchanan for not appreciating the position.

Either way, a most unsatisfactory ending to what looked like being a fine contest between two talented boxers. Both recently changed divisions, Buchanan coming down from lightweight, Turpin going up from bantamweight.

Jim Melrose, Glasgow, 141, outpointed Jim Montagne, Belfast, living in Coventry, 144, over eight by 79½-78.

These two southpaws served up a good contest. Montague was a late substitute, but took his opponent all the way. Melrose's cleaner punching saw him through.

Tony Kerr, Aberdeen, 119½, outpointed John McKnight, Glasgow, 123¾, over six by 59½-58½.

Kerr decked his man for nine in the fourth, and was too clever for his tough opponent, who seemed to enjoy their numerous toe-to-toe exchanges.

Alan Oag, Edinburgh, 133, was awarded a points verdict against Hugh Smith, Airdrie, 137, after six interesting rounds by 59½-59, with many believing that Smith was worth a share of the honours.

▲North Staffs Sporting Club, Stoke — Eddie Fenton, Leicester, 192, outscored the vastly experienced Guinea Roger, Nigeria, 186, over eight by 79-78.

A competent performance by the young Leicester heavyweight who had only ten previous bouts, and one which delighted his veteran manager George Biddles.

Roger has met the best in a long career, but he is not the same force as when he campaigned in the light-heavyweight division, and he had been inactive for over twelve months prior to this contest.

Nevertheless Roger still has the punch that won him so many quick victories, and it is to Fenton's credit that he came forward throughout, and prevented his opponent from landing his lethal hooks and swings.

Joe Yekinni, Nigeria, 159½, kayoed Henry Cooper, Glasgow, 160½, in the opening session. Quite a surprise, but full marks to Yekinni for seixing his opportunity. A right to the jaw, then a left to the mid-section, another right to the jaw and down went Cooper.

The bell rang at seven, the count continued, and Cooper could only scramble up in a dazed condition to be counted out.

Cooper seemed to be boxing coolly and competently at the start, but left his chin exposed, and doubtless he'll be more careful next time.

Derek Simpkin, Swadlincote, 196, drew with Barry Clough, Stoke, 198, over six. Simpkin stopped his man in three when they met previously, but Clough kept on the move this time, did well for a couple or rounds, got tagged in the third with rights to the body, seemed in trouble, but managed to survive until the final bell.

Dave Nelson, Wolverhampton, 163, kayoed Clarence Cassius, Willesden, 161, in the fourth with a right to the chin after flooring him with a similar punch.

Peter Mullens, Birmingham, 159, drew with Mick Lock, Croydon, 160, over eight, a fair result after an excellent contest.

▲Anglo-American Sporting Club, London — Henry Rhiney, Luton, 149¾, beat Peter Cain, Notting Hill, 158, who was ruled out for alleged butting in the third round.

It wasn't quite clear to everyone what had happened. Rhiney's left eyebrow was cut after a close-quarter exchange, and he went back to his corner. His manager Johnny Barclay got into the ring and alleged that his man had been fouled, and referee Harry Humphreys awarded the fight to Rhiney.

Cain's connections then protested.

Exchanges had been hectic, with fighting after the bell in the second round, both men having their moments. When allowed to, Rhiney boxed well, but was conceding quite a slice of weight, and Cain took full advantage of this.

Gary Dunks, Boreham Wood, 139½, stopped Kevin Evans, Hemel Hempstead, 134, in the sixth and final round. Many did not agree that Evans was "taking unnecessary punishment," and it was a crowd-pleaser thoroughly appreciated by the fans.

Dave Mullings, Tottenham, 166, stopped Lloyd Gardner, Acton, 163, also in the sixth and final round. Plenty of action, and Gardner, although still on his feet, was not fighting back when the referee intervened.

▲Twentieth Century Sporting Club, Southend — Tommy Joyce, Doncaster, 149, outscored Derek Simpson, Kilmarnock, 148, over eight by 79-78½. Not everyone agreed, as always with a close verdict, and Simpson certainly impressed, in the early stages, with Joyce coming back well with neat southpaw jabs.

Colin Davies, Aberfan, 162, outscored Oscar Angus, Ayxlesbury, 161, over eight by 79½-78½. Davies boxed better, and punched shorter.

Pat Thompson, Liverpool, 177, outpointed Alex Penarski, Alfreton, 172, by 80-77 over eight. Penarski must be getting despondent by now. It was the third time Thompson had beaten him, and the margin was a wide one.

Mick Hussey, Islington, 165, won a deserved points victory over Billy Brooks, Kilburn, 173, by 79-78 in their eight rounder, boxing well in spite of conceding a slice of weight.

David Fry, Bournemouth, 194, outpointed Wally Pearce, 189, Cardiff, over eight by 79-78. Never much between them, Fry finishing strongly to clinch the issue.

WBA'S BRENNAN WARNS BOXING TO BEWARE OF BEING CHEWED UP BY TV

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BAPTISTE BEATS PETERS FOR TRINIDAD LAURELS

By GEORGE C. BECKLES

Trinidad, W.I. — At Skinner Park, San Fernando, in South Trinidad, W.I., Urban Baptiste, welter champion of Trinidad and Tobago, 147, won a unanimous points decision over Walter Peters, 147, going 15 rounds to retain his crown.

Judges Vernon Romney and Ken Laughlin saw it 68-66 and 73-65, respectively, while referee George Cumberbatch saw the champion winning by a 72-61 margin.

Lloyd "Shadow" George, 135½, beat Michael Drayton, 133, in a (10) rounder.

Eddie Johnson, 157, beat Michael Brizan, 157, going (6) rounds.

McKenzie Granger, 152, beat Paul Hypolite, 157½, going (6) rounds.

RISING WALLACE DEFEATS DANIELS IN DALLAS FRACAS

By HARLAN HAAS

Dallas, Texas — Cookie Wallace, rugged heavyweight from Dallas who has met the best over the past eight years, won pretty much as he pleased over Terry Daniels another Dallas based heavy who has been in with the top people. Wallace was too strong and aggressive. The unanimous decision at the end of 10-rounds was favorably received.

In his last 11 bouts Wallace (don't confuse him with an impostor who used his good name against Bill Drover) has beaten John Balla, Johnny Hudgins, Rahaman Ali (Muhammad's brother), Sugar Ray Anderson, Larry Renault, Terry Sorrells, Terry Daniels, boxed a four round exhibition with Muhammad Ali, and lost to Oscar Bonavena, Bunny Johnson, and Ernie Shavers. Cookie weighed a muscular 205, Daniels 190.

Augie Gomez, 150, Houston, upset Roy Barrientes, 151, Ft. Worth, in winning the 10-round decision.

Randy Stevens scored a one round knockout over James Connors. Bobby Holderfield stopped Robert Perez in the second.

Jodie Ballard, 200, Houston, stopped Ernie Smith, 215, Dallas, for the third time. Efren Gonzalez kayoed Billy Rich in three.

▲Perry Payne continues to pack them in at the Red Carpet just 90 miles away from Houston. Bubba Busceme blasted veteran Esteban (The Beatle) Olvera of Mexico into oblivion in six rounds. Busceme a four time national Golden Glove champion and Olympic representative in addition to being a well known distance runner on the Lamar College track team, has Beaumont fans excited.

Busceme weighed 129, Olvera 131.

Hector Pena, 142, Dallas, stopped Arturo Cirilo, 138, San Antonio, in the second round. Terry Krueger, 202, San Antonio, rocked tall Charles Lea, 210, San Antonio, to sleep in the first round.

Oscar Balderas, 145, San Antonio, stopped Tom Pinner, 147, Beaumont, in the fourth round of a savage brawl.

▲At Corpus Christi, Lorenzo (Boom Boom) Trujillo kept right after Hildegardo Ortega from the opening bell and never let up. Of course, that's Trujillo's style. He sticks to you like a dirty shirt. Trujillo weighed 126, Ortega 128.

Termite Watkins, 135, Houston, scored a one round knockout over Robert Perez, 131, Corpus Christi, and brother Billy Watkins, Jr., 145, Houston, stopped Adolpho Rivas, 145, Corpus Christi, in the second. Raul Aguirre, 158, San Antonio, stopped Manuel Garcia, 155, Houston, in two.

▲At San Antonio, James Martinez, 115, Dallas, won in ten hotly contested rounds over local favorite Johnny Moreno, 115, San Antonio.

Atelano Sanchez, 130, Monterrey, Mexico, hammered out a 10 round win over Gilberto Galvan, 130, San Antonio. Robert Mora won in eight over Daniel Lopez. Froilan Martinez stopped Rodolfo Ibarra in the sixth. Sergio Reyes stopped Louis Rico in the eighth.

▲Hugh Benbow, the Texas oilman and sportsman, who guided Cleveland Williams into the title fight with Muhammad Ali back in 1966, is up and around after a near fatal auto accident. It was a mighty close shave, but the indestructible Benbow beat the 10 count. . . .Several new clubs are opening up in Houston and they plan alternate shows. . . .Ike Fluellen will be headlining in one of the new clubs along with such fighters as the seasoned lightheavy Melvin Mott who carries a 27-7-4 record, Danny Donatto a brilliant boxing 18-year old 147 pounder, and Charlie Small the rugged Houstonian who has done all his pro boxing in England.

Greg Monroe, a 200 pounder, has been looking good in workouts, and plans to turn pro in the near future. . . .Lee Canolito the Good Gloves novice heavyweight champ, we wrote about some issues ago is having a fantastic year as a defensive tackle for the University of Houston. They're headed for the Astro-Bluebonnett Bowl against North Carolina State. Canolito is 6-5, 269, and playing alongside him on defense are tackle Wilson Whitley 6-3, 285, defensive ends Mack Mitchell 6-8, 260, Larry Keller 6-2, 225, and William Franklin 6-5, 245. . . .We'll miss seeing Big John Matusczak (6-8, 290) around the fights. He never missed a show. Big John has been traded by the Oilers to the Kansas City Chiefs. . . .Another fight called off for Johnnie (The Mad) Baldwin—whether this tough, powerful punching middleweight is snakebit or the opposition is just plain leery about facing him we can't say for certain, but with 28 pro starts behind him no one has come close to giving him a stiff argument. . . .Pat (Bull) Brown, veteran professional boxer from Victoria (1954-1974) is coaching an amateur boxing team in Victoria and doing a splendid job we might add. Pat faced such fighters as Manuel Gonzalez, Rip Randall, Floyd East, Johnny McKoin, Junior Flores, Vic Graffio, and many others in his long career. . . .A tip of the hat to Perry Payne for his outstanding job of promoting in Beaumont. Keep your eye on Bubba Busceme down that way as the local product could bring home a world's championship one of these days.

MAYORAL BEATS YONACHEK IN STIRRING SCRAP IN CHI

By JAMES BRADY

Chicago, Ill. — "It was the most exciting fight card I've seen in years" exclaimed veteran Chicago Tribune sportswriter Neil Milbert. Milbert was referring to the torrid 5 bout affair at Chicago's Aragon Ballroom under the banner of the Grand Rand Boxing Club.

In the main event, Angel Mayoral, 137, Chicago, continuing in his quest for a shot at lightweight champion Roberto Duran, blasted out game but outclassed Stan Yonachek, 136, New York, in 2 rounds. From the outset the bout was onesided; southpaw Mayoral continually beat his youthful foe to the punch.

As round one ended, Yonachek was floored by a hard left hand. Staggering erect, the transplanted Czechoslovakian was saved by the bell. In round two Angel relentlessly stalked his prey, flooring him twice, before Yonachek was counted out at 1:53 seconds of the second round.

Mayoral, the highly ranked lightweight contender, notched his 64th victory against 4 losses and 1 draw, including 49 knockouts.

He was originally scheduled to fight Marcus Anderson of Louisville, who backed out as did his subsequent replacement, "Irish" Beau Jaynes, of Lowell, Mass. According to his manager, Bobby Salerno, Angel is "the most feared fighter in the lightweight division." Salerno contends Esteban Dejesus, Johnny Summerhays, (Canadian Champion) and Rudy Boles all refuse to meet Mayoral.

In the 10-round semi-final, Dale Hernandez, 139, Des Moines, ran his unbeaten record to 24-0 by knocking out former National A.A.U. Featherweight Champion Johnny North of Cincinatti, Ohio, 135, in 8 rounds. After the 5th, it simply was a matter of time as Hernandez was far too powerful for the Ohioan. North succumbed after being nailed by a hard right hand. If handled properly by his brother Art (a former middleweight) Dale could be a top contender in about a year.

In a light heavyweight slugfest, Chuck Warfield, 173, Chicago, floored Bobby Edwards, 171, St. Louis, 3 times enroute to a 5th round technical knockout. Warfield a former "Ring Magazine Prospect of the Month" is a heavy hitter, but sometimes is a bit shy on defense. Scheduled for 6.

Mustachioed "Rocky" Martinez, 161, Milwaukee, banged out a hard-earned 6 round decision over counterpunching Burt Hays, 160, Charleston, West Virginia.

In the opener, Len Johnson, 141, stopped Phil "Cisco Kid" Oliver, in the 4th and last round. Oliver was boxing beautifully and winning, until the frail appearing Johnson tagged Oliver with a hard right which left him defenseless.

▲Smokin' Walter Moore, 232, Chicago, preserved his unbeaten record (11-0) by banging out an 8 round decision over fast stepping Danny Lee, 184, Louisville in the inaugural in a series of monthly cards to be presented by the Breadbasket Boxing Club. Moore, a former National Golden Glove Champion, landed an overhand right in the 1st round which dropped Lee flat on his face. Staggering erect, after barely beating the referee's count, Lee backpedalled and clinched in an effort to survive. A thudding right hand landed by Moore in the 7th opened an angry cut over Lee's right eye. At the finish Lee was bloody as well as beaten. The 48 pound pull in weight was simply too much for the cleven Kentuckian.

In the 8-round co-feature, Jeff Morgan, 151, Cleveland, outboxed and outsped "Rocky" Martinez, 160, Milwaukee. Martinez who was in danger of being stopped on cuts, was far too slow for the crafty Ohioan.

Promising Keith Averette, 146, Akron, Ohio outpointed Ricky Thomatis, 148, Chicago in 6 rounds. Averette threw more punches, Thomatis landed the harder blows. If Thomatis gets in good shape, he could go places.

In another 6-rounder, Bobby Crawford, 143, Chicago, won a lacklustre decision over Sonny Oliver, 145, Akron, Ohio.

In the opener, Ruben Orzoco, 137, Mexico City, Mexico, outslugged Robert Moody, 135,fCleveland, in 4 rounds.

The 5 bout card held at the beautiful Kennedy-King college drew less than 500 fans. Promoter Noah Robinson, a half brother of civil rights leader Jesse Jackson, announced plans to bring big time boxing back to the Windy City.

VITO INVADES BALTIMORE WITH TKO VS., OSBURNE

By BUDDY EY

Baltimore, Md. — Vito Antuofermo, 157, N.Y., TKO'ed Paul Osburne, 157, Boston, in 2:58 of the third round of a listed 10 rounder at Steelworker's Hall. Referee Joe Bunza halted the one sided bout when it became apparent that Osburne had no chance against the rapid punching Italian.

In an 8-round semi-windup, Leo Kid Saenz, 157, Baltimore, TKO'ed Jose Pagan, 150, Boston, in 2:35 of the second round. Referee Tom Kelly came to the battered loser's rescue. Pagan had been dropped from a hard body shot in the first round.

Both Osburne and Pagan were last minute substitutes.

C. J. Faison, 150, Washington, D.C., outgamed Jimmy Savage, 149, Philadelphia, in a hard fought 6 rounder.

Rochelle Norris, 198, Atlantic City, dropped John Clohessy, 215, N.Y., in the first round and went on to right hand his way to a TKO in 1:30 of the fifth round.

Billy Sharkey, 188, made a sensational pro debut by scoring a 40 second knockout over Larry Scott, 179, Baltimore, who was also debuting.

Promising Oliver Lewis, 163, Baltimore based, got off the deck in the first round to pound out a 4-round decision over tough Larry Tumbler Davis, 160, N.Y.

A capacity crowd of 1,076 paid $7,435 to witness this Eli Hanover promotion held in conjunction with the International Veteran Boxer's Convention.

At a banquet held the following night at the Lord Baltimore Hotel, the listed men were inducted into the Maryland Boxing Hall of Fame: Bobby Garcia, George K.O. Chaney, Eddie Burnbrook, Buster Brown, Pete Galiano, Angelo Meola, Izzy Caplan, Roger Pippen, Clem Florio, Joe Poodles Sr. and Henry Moulden.

ACTION IN EUROPE

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45 of these are foreigners with a French license. 23 are fighters who have the right to return to the amateur ranks should they find professional boxing a little out of their reach.

Roger Menetrey, former European welterweight champion, has retired. The Frenchman won the title beating Ralph Charles, Britain, on July 11, 1971. He made successful defenses against Silvano Bertini, Italy, Robert Gallois, France, Jorgen Hansen, Denmark, Sandro Lopopolo, Italy, and Jesus Gonzales Dopico, Spain, but in 1974 he handed over his crown to Britain John H. Stracey, in Paris.

A fighter in Europe to watch is Italian lightweight Rosario Sanna, who is now rated in the No. 5 spot. Sanna, born February 27, 1950, has been boxing since 1972 and has lost only one of his 14 bouts.

Ex-German heavyweight champion Conny Velensek lost a close ten-rounder to South African champion Jimmy Richards. The fight took place in South Africa and many critics considered it a home town verdict for the local fighter.

Another German to do well abroad was middleweight champion Frank Reiche, who lost narrowly to European middleweight champion Kevin Finnegan, Britain, over ten rounds.

Holland has 18 professional boxers and in Belgium there are 45.

In his first fight as a welterweight, Bruno Arcari, Italy, outpointed Papo Villa.

Peter Hana, 75, died recently. In 1929 the German fought for the European title against Alf Genon, Belgium, and had to be taken out of the fight with an injured nose.

SWITZERLAND

▲**La Chaux de Fonds** — Welterweight. Jean Pierre Perraire, France, outscored Antonio Tosello, Switzerland, six.

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▲**Geneva** — Junior welterweight. Walter Blaser, Switzerland, who is scheduled to meet Gomez Fouz, Spain, for the vacant European crown, stopped Jean Pierre Younsi, France, in round seven. Junior welterweight, Gerald del Guacho, Italy, beat Arnest Andalon, France, TKO2. Welterweight. Antonio Tosello, Switzerland, decisioned Mohamed Meklia, France, six.

▲**Bern** — Max Hebeisen, Switzerland, official challenger for John Stracey's, Britian, European welterweight title, outpointed German champion, Jurgen Voss, ten rounds. It was the first defeat for Voss in ten paid starts.

GERMANY

▲**Berlin** — European junior middleweight champion Jose Duran, Spain, made a successful defense of his crown, beating Austrian Johann Orsolics, the French referee, Paul Talleyrach, calling a halt in round fourteen. Middleweight. Eckhard Dagge, Germany, did not appear to have gained anything from his four weeks in an American gymnasium, making hard work of outpointing 24-year-old Frenchman Julles Bellaiche, over eight rounds. Middleweight. Germany's youngest boxer, 17-year-old Frank Wissenbach, decisioned Mimoun Mohatar, Spain, six rounds. Middleweight. Franz Csandl, Austria, won his 17th fight outscoring Carmelo Martin Cendo, Spain, over six rounds. Welterweights. Ex European champion, Turk Cemal Kamaci, kayoed Giampaolo, Piras, Italy, in the fourth.

NORWAY

▲**Oslo** — Sven Erik Paulsen, Norway, retained his European junior lightweight title, outpointing Giovanni Girgenti, Italy, over 15 rounds. Welterweight. Kristian Hoydahl, Norway, beat Pat McCormack, Britain, TKO1. Light heavyweight. Harold Skog, Norway, beat Tom Jensen, Denmark, TKO4. Heavyweight. Bjorn Rudi, Norway, beat Jack Johnson, USA, TKO3.

FINLAND

▲**Helsinki** — Nearly 3,000 attended ex-European champion Elis Ask's 45th promotion. Lightweight. Erik Nikkinen, Finland, outpointed the Italian champion, Ugo di Pietro, ten rounds. Welterweight. Sarnas, Helsinki, outscored Karlson, Sweden, four rounds. Light heavyweight. Mando, Italy, outscored Scott, four rounds. Middleweight. Karkkainen, decisioned Ahlin, Sweden, four rounds. Light heavyweight. Tuniga, Holland, outpointed Vartiainer, Helsinki, six rounds.

FRANCE

▲**Graignes** — Welterweight. Jean Claude LaFargue, outscored Gerard Leterme, eight.

▲**Troyes** — Middleweight. William Patrimol and Mukebe Bel Apolosa drew their ten rounder.

▲**Marseilles** — Middleweight. Julles Bellaiche beat Benjamin Ademole, TKO3. Featherweight. Domingue Cesari decisioned Abu Arrow, eight.

▲**Rheims** — Middleweight. Jean Claude Genno outscored Angelo Wkovic, eight.

▲**Villeurbanne** — Lightweight. Andre Holyk beat Fierrito Fernandez, KO6. Featherweight. Albert Amatler beat Raymond Libbrecht, KO4. Junior middleweight. Gerard Nosley beat Adriano Rodriguez, KO8.

▲**Zele** — Light heavyweight German Leo Kakolewicz lost a ten rounder to the Belgian champion, Freddy DeKerpel. Turning professional in 1973, DeKerpel is now undefeated in eight starts.

ITALY

▲**Forli** — Bruno Freshi won the vacant Italian junior welterweight title beating Ernesto Bergamesco who retired with a cut eye in round two. Lightweight. Santino Reali and Dalmazio Mariani drew their eight rounder.

▲**Milan** — Junior middleweight. Antonio Castelini, Italy, outscored Marcel Giordanella, France, eight. Middleweight. Germano Valsecchi outpointed Gerd Nosley, France, eight. Junior welterweight. Giambattista Capretti beat Pietro Sederino who retired with a cut eye in round six.

▲**Marsala** — Junior lightweight. Franco Diana beat Giuseppe Aga, TKO4. Palmiro Masala decisioned Giorgio Merlin, eight.

▲**Milan** — 5,500 saw Italian, Franco Udella win Fritz Chervet's vacated European flyweight title, kayoing Spaniard, Pedro Modella, in round five. Modella took a count of eight in frame one from a right hook to the head. After three counts in heat five German referee, Herbert Tomser took his count to ten. With the new ten point system Modella was at least five points behind.

HOLLAND

▲**Rotterdam** — Some 3,000 sae Henk Ruhling's promotion. Light heavyweight. Rudi Lubbers, Holland, beat Avenamar Peralta, Argentina, who was disqualified in round four. The visitor was warned for a low blow in round one and for a kidney punch in frame three. It is hard to believe that anything Peralta did warranted his disqualification. Heavyweight. Bernd August, German heavyweight champion, beat Jan Lubbers, Holland, KO2. August was decked by a right hander in round one. Heavyweight. Leo Kakolewicz, Germany, beat Sjeng Verstappen, Holland, TKO3. Middleweight. Jan van der Broek, Holland, outscored Ludwig Kammerhofer, Austria, six. Welterweight. James Vrig, Austria, decisioned Gray Ibekwe, Nigeria, six. Promoter, agent and manager, Henk Ruhling has 50 boxers in his stable.

SPAIN

▲**Santa Cruz** — Ramiro Garcia Marichal, won the Spanish featherweight title beating Nino Jiminez who was disqualified in round twelve. Junior middleweight. Francisco Rodriguez beat Mimoun Mohatar, TKO5.

▲**Bilbao** — Junior welterweight. Horacio Ruiz and Marcos Jiminez 'Paperito' drew their eight rounder. Light heavyweight. Jose Galvez beat Alejandro Cardoso, TKO3. Lightweight. Luis Aisa beat Cristobal Diaz, TKO5. Featherweight. Nino Jiminez beat Francisco Santaengracia, TKO3.

▲**Madrid** — Bob Allotey, Spain, won the vacant European bantamweight title outpointing Guy Caudron, France, 15. Jeronimo Lucas won the Spanish lightweight title outscoring Manuel Calvo, 12. Featherweight. Antonio Guinaldo decisioned Pedro Coque, eight. Lightweight. Manuel Masso decisioned Fernando Bernaldez, eight.

▲**Figueres** — Bantamweight. Sebastian Ruiz beat Jose Salvado, KO2.

▲**Mataro** — Bantamweight. Pedro Pinto outscored Valeriano Morales, eight.

▲**Almeria** — Light heavyweight. Manuel Quintana decisioned Jose Antonio Galvez, eight.

BELGIUM

▲**Ghent** — Welterweight. Gilbert Knudde beat Paul van Gyseghem, TKO5. Lightweight. Fredo Roelands decisioned Jean Claude Vanderbreght, eight. Middleweight. Alfredo Noveiras beat Jean Paul Genno, TKO5.

▲**Zele** — Light heavyweight. Freddy de Kerpel outscored Jean Tshikuna, ten. Lightweight. Rudi Haeck outpointed Christian Levy, eight.

▲**Aalter** — Lightweight. Fredo Roelands decisioned Gerard Leterme, eight.

▲**Turnhout** — Jean Pierre Coopman beat Rocky Campbell, Britain, KO6. Lightweight. Fred Roelands decisioned Mario Oliveira, eight. Middleweight. Alfredo Noveiras beat Eric Seys, KO3.

▲**Luttich** — Light heavyweight. Horst Lang, Germany, outscored Armand Xhonneux, ten. Light heavyweight. Gilbert Moussoux beat Peter Donner, Germany, TKO5. Middleweight. Stini, Belgium, beat Harry Klobes, Germany, KO1.

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▲**Leobon** — Welterweight. Esperno Posl, Austria, outscored Pietro Gasparri, Italy, ten. Josef Pachler beat Mongi Ladhili, Tunis, TKO5. Lightweight. Herbert Trausmith decisioned Giampaolo Piras, Italy, six.

DENMARK

▲**Copenhagen** — Middleweight. Poul Knudsen decisioned Juarez DeLima, Brazil, ten. Light heavyweight. Tom Bogs, Denmark, outscored Johnny Griffin, USA, ten. Welterweight. Laurits Jensen, beat Kevin White, Britain, who retired with a cut eye in round seven. Jorgen Hansen outscored Jim Montague, Britain, who was disqualified in round four.

LAMPKIN'S FIRST SEATTLE FIGHT STOPS ALFARO IN 7

By JOHN HASTINGS

Seattle, Wash. — Boxing had two first's here recently. Ray Lampkin made his first Seattle appearance and it was impressive. Howie Rebstock's newly formed Northwest Boxing Club put on its first card.

Lampkin, the #2 rated lightweight in the world, showed he deserves the rating. He stopped Nick Alfaro in seven. The Tucson battler tried gamely but was out-classed from the start. It was a good fight and typical of the whole show.

A young U.S. Navy heavyweight, Ibar Arrington, stopped Gary Wiler in the sixth and last round of their bout. It was a real war with Wiler surviving a first round knockdown and taking a lot of punishment before the referee halted it and saved him from further punishment.

Arrington looked impressive in his second pro bout against his more experienced and deadly game foe.

In the opener Dennis Conklin, 159, iced Tony McDaniels in the first with a blitz attack. It was Conklin's first pro fight and he's under the able direction of former light heavyweight contender Eddie Cotton who sees great promise in this "Tiger" Conklin.

In a lightweight scrap Roscoe Frazier swarmed all over Dave Brunson from the opening bell. At 2:57 of the third round it was over and Frazier won the KO victory.

Northwest Boxing plans for a show at least once a month and, according to Rebstock, will matchmake for action cards. If this show is an indicator, he's off to a flying start.

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BOUTTIER'S N.Y. DEBUT SHOWS PARIS MIDDLE VICTOR OVER BROUGHTON

By SAM TAUB

Jean-Claude Bouttier, of Paris, former European middleweight king, who twice battled against champion Carlos Monzon, came into the Felt Forum to start what he hopes will be another campaign leading to a title match. His adversary, Gary Broughton, a free swinging lad from Brantford, Ontario, was his competition. But the man from across the big pond scored all the way for a TKO in 7, decking his foeman with a right shortly before the bell rang for the end of the first canto. Jean scored a shutout on all three official cards during the first six rounds.

Bouttier, scaling 160 against the Canuck's 160½ pounds, kept on winning and finally ended matters in the seventh canto with a left and right, followed by a right uppercut, that knocked his man to the canvas, bleeding profusely from the mouth.

Referee Mark Conn started to count, then abruptly picked up the fallen warrior and hustled him back to his corner, terminating the affair.

Conn stated there was no alternative as Gary was bleeding badly, the end coming in 2:40 of the seventh round.

The loser, who threw his punches at long range, hoping to get over a haymaker, managed to connect with a few swinging lefts and long rights. He was game and tried to keep going but the Frenchman was too classy and handled himself nicely. The winner did take a few good smacks but he took them in stride.

The turnout of 1,263, that paid $6,370.75, saw some hectic doings in the supporting card. The semi-final six, again featuring Ruby Ortiz, from Brooklyn now, 129½ pounds, winning a wild one, with free dealing and plenty of punching against Hector Espinosa, from the Dominican Republic, 130, a unanimous victory with Tommy Walsh the referee. These two never did stop tossing leather.

Four fours completed the card. Bobby Adams, of Philadelphia, 147¼, scored unanimously over Don Morgan, Nashville, Tenn., 144, in what was originally booked as a six spot.

Patrick Maloney, from New York, 148, also won an unanimous duke over Felix Perez, from Vieque, P.R., 146½.

John Davis, from New York, 149, scored a 1:34 first round t.k.o. over Pedro Acevedo, from the Bronx, 150, Referee Walsh stopping it as the loser was being pummelled. The opening four also ended on a t.k.o. in the third heat, when Referee Conn, called it off after 1:29 of the third chapter, as Leo Lopez, 126, dropped Rafael Nolasco, 125, a fellow Dominican Republic warrior, left hooking his man for an eight second knockdown and then had him reeling when the arbiter intervened.

▲Bob Stallings, of Freeport, L.I., billed as the New York State heavyweight king, upset the applecart when he scored a ten round unanimous win over Earnie Shavers, from Warren, Ohio, in the Felt Forum.

A turnout of 2,104, paying $10,549, saw Stallings, managed by Joe Davis, come through with a heavy bombardment in the final three rounds, including a nine seconds knockdown in the ninth round, to register a 6-4 win on all the official cards. Tony Perez was the referee and the judges were Artie Aidala and Nick Gamboli.

Shavers, who holds a record of having stopped 46 of his opponents, including a one rounder over Jimmy Ellis in the Main Garden, had a bit the better of the early rounds but Stallings, fighting out of a crouch, reminding one of the days of Jim Jeffries, kept plodding along. Eventually he started to belabor his man and he finally found his modus of operandi paying off.

Shavers definitely tired and Bob's attack, body blows and swinging for the face paid off. . . The ninth was a bad one for the Ohioan as rights to the jaw dropped him and he was wobbly on his pins until the bell rang.

Stallings continued to pile up points in the tenth session and came out the winner. Bob scaled 209½, Earnie 213½ pounds.

An oddity, a disqualification, wound up the scheduled eight round semi, when Referee Lew Eskin halted the scrap at 2:18 of the fifth round, the victory going to Kevin Isaacs, of Brooklyn, 195, and the loser Raul Georsito, now out of New York, 207½ pounds. There was little to choose between them until the sudden ending of the affair. Then Isaacs was sent into the ropes and Gerisito rushed in and landed a right to the jaw, that knocked Isaacs down while half way through the ropes.

Here the referee stepped in and immediately disqualified the man from South America, charging he warned the loser not to hit him again. This raised a bit of confusion, especially from Manager Eddie Mafuz and the others in the loser's corner.

The balance of the card saw Rochell Norris, from Atlantic City, N.J., 199, coming back from a first round knockdown at the hands of Mike Koranicki, from Youngstown, Ohio, 193½ pounds, in what was a real humdinger, to win the decision. In the final rounds Norris really put on the steam and had his Western rival in bad shape when it was over.

Two fours completed the program. The opener saw Referee Tony Perez halt the meeting between Bob Stewart, from Albany, N.Y., 176, after he knocked Al Ware, a New Yorker, 174, down twice in round two for eight counts, a left and right to the chin and another left hook depositing the loser on the canvas. The end came at 2:14.

In the other four, put on after the disqualification, Richard Sandy, from New York, 175¼, won an unanimous duke over John Gallagher, from Bronxville, N.Y., 176, in which the winner also scored a knockdown in round two.

READ THE RING

WELTER DRAW PACKS BUENOS AIRES ARENA

By SIMON BRONENBERG and ALFREDO PORZIO

Buenos Aires, Argentina — For reasons which must mystify North Americans, welters Horacio Saldafio and Marco Guilloti packed the Luna Park Arena with a gate of 62,000,000 pesos. They fought to a draw. Other recent results:

Buenos Aires — In the fly division undefeated Carlos Escalante and Carlos Leyes drew in 10 rounds.

▲**Bahia Blanca** — Welter Horacio Saldano kayoed Juan R. Luduena in five.

▲**San Pedro** — Flyweight Rodolfo Rodriguez kayoed Alberto Correa in second round.

▲**Salta** — Middleweight Norberto Cabrera and Armando Vicente drew in 10.

▲**San Francisco** — In the light heavy class, Roberto Aguilar whipped Oscar Wondrick in 10.

▲**Trelew** — Omar H. Zarza outpointed Jose Baquero (Uruguay) in 10. They are welters.

▲**Cordoba** — Middleweight Roberto Marcialli beat Gregorio Navarro in 10.

▲**Marcos Juarez** — Undefeated junior welter Juan Antonio Merlo kayoed Juan Galletari in first round.

▲**Parana** — In the welter class Andres Paul kayoed Sergio Maldonado in five and in the middle class Ramon "Clay" Perez won over Carlos Reato in 4th by a medical decision.

▲**Junin** — In the welter division Mario Guilloti kayoed Aladino Sanbran, from Uruguay, in eight.

▲**San Justo** — In the welter class Rene Campos beat Carlos Maria del Valle Herrera in 6.

▲**Monte Maiz** — In the junior light class Jose Filippi and Julio Lopez drew in 10.

▲**General Roca** — Argentine bantam champion Benicio Sosa kayoed Victor Centurion in five. (Non title)

▲**Resistencia** — In the welter division Carlos Villalba beat Hugo Salega in 10.

▲**Bragado** — Juan C. Alvarez kayoed Alfredo Flores in five. (Feathers)

▲**Posadas** — In the welter division Miguel Aguila lost to Juan Olivera in 10.

▲**San Juan** — Armando Riveros beat Luis Garrido in 6 (lights) and in the bantam division Juan C. Vedia and Raul Perez drew in 6.

▲**Dean Funes** — Welter Rodolfo Madriaga beat Manuel Frias in 10.

▲**Pehuajo** — In the light class Miguel A. Alaniz beat Hector Caceres in 10.

▲**Tandil** — Ismael Candia beat Manuel Lopez in 8. (Lights)

▲**Gualeguay** — In the feathers Juan Noguera beat Oscar Alganaraz in 10.

▲**Carmen de Patagones** — In the fly class Felix Gonzalez outpointed Manuel Munoz in 10.

▲**San Carlos de Bariloche** — In the feather division Aurelio Montenegro and Arnaldo Aguero drew in 10.

▲**Tunuyan (Mendoza)** — In the middle class Hugo Corro kayoed Carlos Robledo in seventh.

▲**Carcarana** — In the middle class Adolfo Cardozo and Ivan Rojas drew in 10.

▲**Tandil** — In the light class Juan Alderete kayoed Carlos Castel in fourth.

▲**Salta** — In the feather class Carlos H. Nunez kayoed Luis Ibarra in five and in the welter class Ceferino Morales kayoed Nestor Vittadini in seventh.

▲**Cordoba** — Ex-Argentine bantam champion Jose Casas, now in the feather division beat Ernesto Fernandez by a KO in five.

▲**Santa Rosa** — Undefeated in the light division Justino Heredia kayoed Carlos Ocampo in 3rd. In the welter class Walter Gomez whipped Luis Bidela, from Uruguay, in 10.

▲**Resistencia** — In the welter class Ramon Perez kayoed Hermino Leal Castro, from Uruguay, in 6.

▲**La Rioja** — In the bantam class Carlos Cordoba beat Ruben Ramirez in 10.

▲**San Carlos de Bariloche** — In the bantam class Carlos Laciar kayoed Diego Vega Ramirez, from Paraguay, in 8.

▲**Formosa** — In the bantam division Angel Zalazar kayoed Juan Lazarini in first round.

▲**La Paz** — Ruben Granados beat Roberto Barrientos in 10. (Feathers)

▲**Posadas** — In the feather class Eduardo Echeverria beat Rodolfo Calderolli in 10.

▲**Huinca Renanco** — In the feather class Carlos Portillo kayoed Adolfo Burgos in second round and in light class Alfredo M. Coria beat Angel Olea in 10.

▲**Buenos Aires** — Argentine and South American champion in the light heavy class Victor Galindez beat Angel Oquendo, from Puerto Rico.

▲**Carmen de Patagones** — In the fly division Miguel Lazarte outpointed Tito Pereyra.

▲**Carmen de Patagones** — On the same night and in the feather class Heriberto Guzman kayoed Hector Chaves in 3rd.

▲**Comodoro Rivadavia** — In the middle class Camilo Gaitan outpointed Juanito Sanchez.

▲**Rio Gallegos** — Carlos Peralta whipped Rogelio Zarza. (Welters)

▲**Rosario** — In the middleweight class Octavio Escauriza beat Francisco Cardozo in 10.

▲**Buenos Aires** — At the Luna Park ring and in the welter class Juan Antonio Merlo kayoed Alberto Pili in seventh round.

▲**Bahia Blanca** — In the welter division Carlos Pacheco and Guillermo Esparza drew in 10. Middles. Juan "Y" Garcia beat Norberto Fleitas in 10.

▲**Salta** — Good prospect in the light class Carlos Ibanez beat Nicolas Arkuszin in 10.

▲**San Juan** — South American champion in the junior light class Victor Etchegaray and Pedro Aguero, Argentine champion, drew in 10. (Non-title)

▲**Cordoba** — In the light class Miguel Figueroa whipped Jorge Gomez in 10.

▲**Tandil** — In the junior welter division Jose Gimenez kayoed Angel Roman in five.

▲**Villa Maria** — In the light class Ramon Moreyra beat Julio Lopez in 10.

▲**Rosario** — Armando Buston beat Julio Gaitan by a TKO in 4th. They are lights.

▲**Buenos Aires** — At Luna Park, Argentine bantam champion Benicio Sosa outpointed Pedro Jose Diaz, from Dominican Republic.

▲**Buenos Aires** — At the ring of Club Unidos de Pompeya ex-Argentine bantam champion Jose Casas beat Tomas Aguero in 6 (medical decision).

▲**Rosario** — No. 1 in the Argentine light ranking Julio Campana beat Juan D. Corradi in 7th round. (Medical decision)

▲**Santa Fe** — In the feather class Jorge A. Gonzalez beat Argelio Gonzalez in 6.

▲**San Juan** — In the light heavy class undefeated Miguel A. Cuello kayoed Roberto Aguilar in second round and in the middle class Roque "Roky" Roldan beat Mario Delgado.

▲**Salta** — In the feather division Hipolito Nunez kayoed Luis Garrido in first round.

▲**Cordoba** — Undefeated in the bantam class Julio C. Saba and Felix Gonzalez drew in 10.

▲**Resistencia** — Lightweight Ramon Duarte whipped Miguel Maldonado in 10.

▲**Reconquista** — Rodolfo Calderolli whipped Jose M. Paye in 10. (Feathers)

▲**General Pico** — In the welter class, undefeated Juan R. Cabral kayoed Carlos Quiroga in 4th.

▲**Buenos Aires** — At Luna Park in the welter class Horacio Saldano and Mario Guilloti drew in 10 rounds.

LEDOUX COMES HOME TO GET NOD OVER ROGAN

By GEORGE D. BLAIR

Crosby, Minn. — Pro boxing came to this Northern Minnesota hamlet when Scott LeDoux, Minneapolis heavyweight, returned to his hometown to win a unanimous ten round decision over West Virginia's Lou Rogan.

LeDoux twice had Rogan down but could not put the kayo on him. LeDoux's record is now 9-0, with seven knockouts.

In the only other pro bout Doug Demmings, Minneapolis, upped his record to 9-1-0 when he stopped Donny Starks, Chicago, in a middleweight bout in three rounds.

▲The closed circuit telecast of the Ali-Foreman fight drew gates of $81,957. in Bloomington, $12,550. in Rochester and $10,597. in Duluth for promoter Ben Sternberg, while Ron Peterson in Minneapolis had $61,691. in the till for a state total of $166,795.

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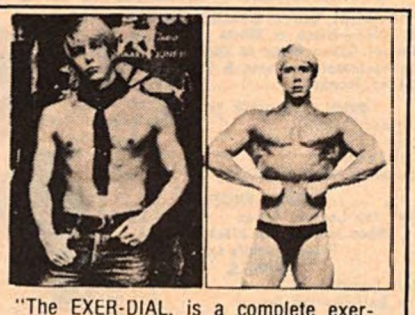

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WATTS BEATS MONROE IN UNEXCITING 10 IN PHILLY

By NIGEL COLLINS

Philadelphia, Pa. — Bobby "Boogaloo" Watts scored a unanimous 10-round decision over fellow Philadelphian Willie "The Worm" Monroe at the Spectrum. Despite the fact that Monroe entered the ring with a world ranking, the real stake was top spot among local middleweights.

Monroe, though normally a counterpuncher like Watts, was the aggressor from the opening bell. In this unacustomed role "The Worm" was doomed to failure. "Boogaloo," boxing on the retreat, nailed Monroe with sharp combinations as Willie pressed forward.

The bout developed only moderate excitement, most of it in the eighth round. In this frame Watts was at his best. He lashed out with both hands hurting Willie and opening a cut over his right eye. After this "Boogaloo" was content to play it safe and coast home to victory.

The prospect of two stick-and-run artist held the crowd down to a slim 4,913. A rainy night and poor press also contributed.

Watts, a pound down at 159, is now 25-3-1. Monroe dropped to 29-3-1.

Free swinging Mike Everett decisively outpointed Tim "Blue" Walker in another ten. Mike had beaten Walker by a slim margin a few months back and the rematch was much anticipated.

This time it was all Everett. He constantly beat the Baltimore boxer to the punch and on occasion had him in deep trouble. Mike's hard uppercuts to the body did most of the damage but he lacked the finesse to finish "Blue" off. Both men came in at 142 pounds.

Philly's Jimmy Savage got back on the winning track with a TKO over Norman Farell in a welterweight scheduled for six. The bout was fairly even after four rounds but Farell sustained a cut and his corner wouldsnot let him come out for the fifth.

Rudy Donato, 158¼, blasted out Kid Samson, 157, with potent right crosses in 3:05 of the second round. Donato got off to a slow start but came alive when Samson hurt him late in the round.

Despite a second round knockdown John Florio, 140, looked lucky to get the nod over Kevin Mofield, 145, in four.

Baby Kid Chocolate had little trouble taking out Ron White in the second round of a featherweight tiff and Wayne McGee, 176, opened the show by stopping Bob "Shag" Bethea, 207, in three.

▲Philadelphia, Pa. — Blue Horizon — The Philadelphia club scene remained alive with J. Russell Peltz promoting once again at this small North Philly venue. In the main event, local hot-shot Jerome Artis, 129, decisioned Willie Daniels, 133, from Trenton, New Jersey.

Artis, a former National AAU champion, was much too fast for the plodding Daniels and won with ease. Willie did send home some solid body shots but could never manage to follow up.

It seemed to this observer that Artis might have stopped his man if he had stuck to business instead of showing off. Jerome indulged himself in an assortment of hot dog antics that may have amused the fans but did no physical damage to Daniels.

A newcomer to watch is Youngblood Williams. He scored his second pro win over Norman McCray with a third round TKO. Youngblood, ten pounds up at 147, sent McCray through the ropes with a hard right hand to the head. McCray beat the count but was in no condition to continue.

A trio of youngsters from Philadelphia's famed Juniper Gym turned pro with mixed results. John McQueen, 136, did an excellent job by staying on top of Camden's Mike Williams, 136, and came away with a four-round decision. Stablemate Archie Andrews, 153, tried hard but lost to flashy Victor Burton, 151, also over four. Juniper's heavyweight Robert Hill also lost. He came out on the short end of the stick against C. J. bar Brown, 192, from N.Y.C., over four.

In a dull sixer that served as the semi-final Bob "Paycheck" Payton, 157, decisioned Kid Sampson, 157.

▲Wilmington, Delaware — Philadelphia Carlos Duprey, making only his fifth pro start, upset favored Ray Hall over eight brisk rounds at Fournier Hall. This was the second card for co-promoters Les Sitzer and Sam Jacobs in less than a month.

Although the crowd was smaller than that of their inaugural promotion the calibre of boxing improved the second time around.

Duprey, 128, chased Hall the entire 8 rounds. He scored especially well with a long right hand to the head. Ray, 122, made good use of his educated left hand but it was not enough to hold off the charging Puerto Rican.

Despite a closed left eye, Carlos was still pressing forward and dishing out punishment at the final bell. Duprey is now 3-2, while the vastly more experienced Hall stands at 18-4-2.

Lester Camper, 161, from Baltimore, decisioned Philly's Rudy Donato, 160, in a six spot that many felt belonged to Rudy. Lester had Rudy shook up in the fifth but Donato came roaring back in the final frame to score the bout's only knockdown.

In another six Al Styles Jr, 160, outpointed Jose Eliais, 159, boxing out of New York City. Styles, one of the most active Philadelphia area boxers, went to the post for the eighth time this year.

Billy Early turned in the surprise of the night by outpointing local Jimmy Anderson in a middleweight four. Billy had been belted out in his last three starts but looked smart against Anderson.

Fine looking prospect Ronnie Green, 136, turned pro with a first round TKO over Sonny Horsey, 134, and Ernie Singletary, 161, iced soft touch Tim Kirk, 160, in one.

"RINGSIDE" WITH "SAILOR" DON SAUER

It is surprising to see how many "vets of boxing" took the bait on the George Foreman build up—this writer tried to save the swag of several souls who were sold the "smart money" bill of goods and were forking francs for Foreman but they paid me to heed. There were times when "Sailor" Don even drew diagrams to prove the old adage that an Ali straight shot would beat George's loopers to the target but even this logic failed to move the marks. . .they were determined to drop their dollars and nothing I could do or say could dissuade them.

Now I know how some of these seers who forecast dooms and demises must feel, so damn frustrated, when they can't fake the folks out of their fate. . .tis truly enough to make a man howl at the moon and chase cars. . .! Ali is truly a child of destiny—were his story not a true tale and some hack writer ground out such a scenerio for screen purposes, it would be automatically rejected as too implausable for consideration. . .Many of the P. T. Barnum graduates, who lost their shirts betting against Muhammad Ali, can now have their wrists pierced if they wish to wear their cuff links. . .Today good class front line heavyweights are becoming rarer than a mother-in-law's smile of approval. . .I don't know why, but one fight I'd like to see come off would be a rerun between two slightly tarnished titans of tiff, Oscar Bonavena and George Chuvalo. These guys would do it like a pair of bull moose and ringsiders would have to be advised to wear their drudgery duds to the bloodletting orgy. . .Former world middleweight champion, Paul Pender, now earning his "bread and butter" as assistant athletic director for the University of Massachusetts—the Columbia Point annex in South Boston—has a son now 20 years old, who is a student at Brown University in R.I., and after finishing at that Ivy League college—will enter Harvard University School of Law—smart boy is Paul, Jr. . .Harry Kabakoff is the manager of California State heavyweight champ, Howard "Kayo" Smith—who is ready to meet any of the top ten in the division, if the price is right. . .Smith and Pedro Lovell would be a good pair for a West Coast ring—if Lovell's manager, Wily Willie Ketchum is interested. . .Jimmy Heair, one of the Southland's brightest lightweight hopes just a year ago, has taken a giant step backwards in the last five months. . .he has become a loser since a feud with manager Jerry Moore ignited last spring. . .Heair is now living in Memphis and comes to the West Coast a couple of days before the fights Moore books for him and Moore believes that Heair is jeopardizing his future by living so far from the scene of most of his fights. . .Heair insists he's better off in Dixie and the disagreement goes on. . .Father Ray Lunny, Jr., who manages the ring destiny of his son, Ray III—explaining the switch from promoter Babe Griffin to Joe Gagliardi: "I gave Babe first crack at getting fights for the boy—I'm not obligated to fight for Griffin nor is he obligated to put on Lunny. I'll fight for whomever gives me the best offer". . .Veteran manager-trainer Pete Alvarez and newcomer Luis Curiel have leased Kezar Pavilion and plan to run boxing there on a regular basis. . .the arena in San Francisco has not been used for boxing since 1966—Thad Spencer beat Billy Daniels in the last bout there, and if Kezar shows on a regular basis—even once a month—it'll fill a badly needed void in the west bay area. . .Rudy Barro and manager David Thompson ironed out their difficulties, and the Stockton, Calif. lightweight is back in the gym and eager for action. . .Mike Dundee has his jr. middleweight contender, Elisha Obed on the threshold of a title match—Obed travels far and wide for action—and is a consistent winner. . .now sports a 53-0-1 mark, which is something. . .a fine young lad who is trained by the incomparable Moe Fleischer at "the factory" in Miami Beach. . .Bobby Hernandez, who collapsed following a bout in California. . .has now been ordered to take a six month rest and then be checked and cleared by the boxing commission physician before resuming his ring career. . .rumor has it his ring career is over even though the Olympic Boxing Club had been building him up for tentative matches with "names". . .and looked for a bright future for the lad. . .Ruben Navarro should hang up the gloves for good. . .he's all guts. . .but has reached the end of the line. . .I can't understand what has happened to boxing around the country—with the small clubs. . .there will never be another Hollywood Legion which sold out each week—come to think of it, there will never be another Marigold Garden in Chicago which sold out for promoter Irving Schoenwald—those were the good old days. . .the last boxing card at the Hollywood Legion in Los Angeles was 15 years ago when Joe Miceli boxed Pat Lowery—Joe was stopped that night by Pat. . .Young Fred Boynton, out of Asbury Park,, N.j., is a fine young welterweight prospect managed by likeable Bill Balbach. . .this young man will bear watching. . .I like his style and I like his attitude. . .former contender Georgie Small, now living in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and operating a gym there, tells me he has 42 boxers working out daily at his spot. . .Steve Hammas, who beat Max Schmeling in 1934, won a few collegiate titles and got himself knocked out in the 9th by Max in a return affair, is dead at the age of 67—he succumbed in the Veterans Hospital in Long Island, N.Y. . .Years ago managers knew what they were doing—if they thought their fighter might be ready to go—they would make a big money deal for a title defense, that is if they had a champ—Joe Gould insured his investment, when he demanded and got from Joe Louis a guarantee of 10% of all future Louis title defenses if he happened to win the title from Goulds gladiator, Jim Braddock. . .and this is just what happened. . .the late Jack Kearns topped this—by buying up part of Archie Moores' contract before he would give him a fight with Joey Maxim for the light-heavyweight crown. . .smart business. . .and after all, boxing is a business. . .Speaking of Archie Moore, it was Archie who helped make dieting popular as he trimmed down to the 175 pound light-heavyweight limit time and again—after gaining over 200 pounds between title fights—he was the George Blanda of boxing as he continued fighting well into his 40's—and me-thinks even early fifties. . .a good man—even today, can handle himself very well—an old pal. . .The New Northwest Boxing Club in Seattle is headed by Howie Rebstock with Don Horn, and Vic Hoff as backers. . .Denny Moyer, still active in the fight game at th "the tender age of 34 years", is nevertheless planning for the future—he owns a tavern in his native Portland, Oregon, and is also involved in the building business in that city. . .and is financially comfortable and doesn't really have to continue punching out a living in the ring—but a champion once, during his lengthy career, Denny still entertains the idea of gaining the title in the more rewarding 160 pound division. . .Taken for dead in boxing a while back, Oscar Alvarado, known as the Shotgun—has collected a fast $47,000 in 4½ months. . .he made a modest 7 grand for winning the world jr. middleweight championship in June and collected a much fancier $40,000 for his first defense in October. . .and he's getting $60,000 for his next defense in Japan—just when Oscar was ready to quit a while back, a Japanese triumvirate, headed by Los Angeles businessman Nori Takatani, purchased Alvarado's contract last winter—talked him out of retirement, lined up a tuneup in San Diego then dropped him into a title bout with Koichi Wajima in June and the rest is history. . .Frankie Carter, international boxing referee passed away in San Francisco—he had open heart surgery about a year ago—he was 66 years old—Carter a former featherweight boxer claims to have refereed over 15,000 fights. . .Bob Benoit, Oakham, Mass., light-heavyweight socker, who crossed gloves with many of the top-notchers, graduated from the Massachusetts State Police training school in Framingham, Mass., and is now a state trooper. . .Tony Gardner is the middleweight battler being touted by knowledgeable Pat O'Grady boxing out of Oklahoma City—adnd flattening everyone Pat puts in front of him. . .I can remember Billy Conn winning fights like mad—and it seems only yesterday—but Bill Conn just passed his 58th milestone. . .where does the time fly? If Willie Ketchum is looking for action. . .against a "name" for his Buenos Aires pre-med student, Pedro Lovell, what about a match with Jerry Quarry—which would draw big money in a California ring. . .Bruno Arcari and Jose Napoles slated to clash at Genoa, Italy—this month—and Napoles will pick up a check in the amount of $112,000 for this latest "effort". . .no wonder he doesn't want to quit. . .Nick Previti, originally out of the North End of Boston and who boxed under the monicker of Billy Wallace is now a member of the Randolph, Mass., Police Dept. . .Gov. Francis Sargent of Massachusetts—put Eddie Urbec back on the Bay State Boxing Commission to replace Tom McNeeley, who he asked to resign. . .Eddie served on the board for over 9 years—6 of them as chairman. . .Manny Aronis is now the chairman of that commission. . .Goody and Pat Petronelli are two brothers who keep the ring game going in Southeastern Massachusetts—their gym is located in Brockton, Mass. . .(hometown of the late champ, Rocky Marciano). . .and Pat's son, Tony, is the U.S. jr. welter champ—Marvin Hagler, a fine young middleweight with a sock in either mitt, is also handled and trained by these two astute boxing personalities. . .also they have a white heavyweight named Rick Wynn out of Norton, Mass. . . whwho is learning the game and looks like he might be something at that. . .Former welterweight and middleweight champion, Emile Griffith, has grossed several million dollars in 17 years and 98 fights, but he spent much of that improving life for his mother, three brothers, four sisters and an assortment of second-line blood relatives. . .you can't say that Emile—a real nice guy—was "close with a buck". . .Mickey Davies still trying to pair a big heavyweight match for the San Diego Coliseum—what about Ken North and Jerry Quarry? "Pinky" Kaufman, former lightweight who boxed the likes of King Tut and Baby Joe Gans, is dead in his hometown of Sherman Oaks, California. . .Donato Paduano back on the comeback trail, after picking up his biggest purse ever—($32,000) for boxing and beating Jean LeClair in Montreal. . .Mel Epstein, has his middleweight hopeful, Irish Mike Nixon training in Burlingame, California, a suburb of San Francisco—and living with Mel's old fight pal, John Aitken up that-a-way. . .maybe Nixon can make it yet, even though he is no relation to your once favorite statesman, Richard M. . .You gotta hand it to middleweight champ, Carlos Monzon—he handles those so-called contenders with relative ease—maybe we should call them pretenders. . .

SCRANTON SEES CASSIDY TKO STEVENS IN 5

By JIM LEO

Scranton, Pa. — Light heavyweight Bobby Cassidy, of Long Island, was credited with a fifth round technical knockout win over Virgin Islander, Randy Stevens, in a hard fought scrap scheduled for ten rounds. Stevens was unable to answer the bell for round six, because of cuts opened by the sharpshooting Cassidy. Stevens, a substitute for New Yorker Ray Ayala, provided strong opposition. Irish Bob, 177, Stevens 178.

Cassidy's stablemate, Ray Elson, 173, ran his record to 12-0-1, as he halted Ray Hernandez, 172, New York, at 2:55 of round three of a scheduled eight. It was a give and take battle while it lasted, with Hernandez down in round one, and finally being halted also on cuts.

Rochelle Norris, 189, Atlantic City, outpointed Charlie "Devil" Green, 182, veteran New Yorker, in an eight rounder. Norris's, quick jabs scored frequently.

Joe Hathaway, 225, Atlantic City, was a six round decision winner over Paul Simonetti, 234, Dunmore, Pa., in a rematch.

Jimmy Phoenix, 143, Philadelphia, kayoed Johnny Davis, 142, New York, at 48 seconds of the third round, of a scheduled six.

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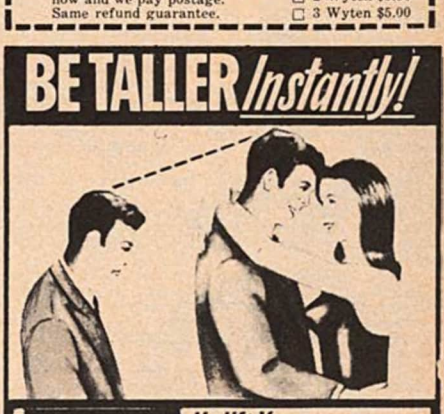

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JAPAN HAS RASH OF WORLD AND SEMI-WORLD TITLES IN ONE HECTIC MONTH OF ACTION

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

Tokyo, Japan — We had five world or semi-world title contests here recently in one month. Three Japanese fighters won their bouts, but two were badly kayoed in earlier rounds.

Each of the five cards drew 10,000 customers. Each was televised nationally, resulted in a financial success. The two of our winners were flyweights, who wrested WBA's and WBC's versions each. The results were as follows:

Junior welterweight: Antonio Cervantes of Colombia knocked out Yasuaki Kadota in 8.

Flyweight: Japan's Susumu Hanagata halted Chartchai Chionoi, Thailand, in 6 rounds to take the WBA's leadership.

Another countryman Shoji Oguma upset Betulio Gonzales, Venezuela, by a 15-round decision to become the WBC ruler.

Junior middleweight: Ryu Sorimachi was finished by Oscar Alvarado, U.S. in 7.

Junior lightweight: Kuniaki Shibata, WBC's titlist, stopped Ramiro Bolanos, Venezuela, in the 15th and final round to retain his version.

A heavyweight card of Ali v.s. Foreman was televised live via satellite, and caused a sensation. Our TV company, NET, paid half a million dollars to take the rights of broadcasting the bout from Kinshasa.

▲Speedy and sharp Antonio Cervantes, Colombian, at 140, proved that he was too strong for Japan's Yasuaki (Shinichi) Kadota, 138½, who collapsed eight time and out for the count in the eighth round. Some 8000 fans were amazed to see Kadota floored just after the contest began. From the first to the fifth session Cervantes knocked down the left Japanese for a compulsory eight count in every round.

Kadota, ex-Orient lightweight leader, was an expected puncher who had scored five consecutive kayo wins. He polished off Ishimatsu Suzuki, the current lightweight leader of WBC, in 8 heats in 1970 and finished Chango Carmona, ex-titlist, in 7 rounds in 1972.

For all Cervantes having scored seven defenses in these one and a half year, fight fans here hoped that the southpaw might hit his vaunted punch to cop the title. It was because Cervantes won his fifth defense against Lion Furuyama, also Japanese, in rather close 15 rounds. Cervantes, then televised from Panama, had not seem so strong or powerful. But he impressively showed his power and sharpness in overwhelming our hope easily.

A clear KO came in one min. 42 sec., in the eighth session. In the round Kadota visited the canvas on two occasions, but his gameness made him stand up and continue fighting.

Antonio, lanky speedster, landed a smashing counterpunch to the face of the still willing mixer. Down he went. Kadota was down flat for more than 10 minutes.

Antonio Cervantes said, 'I could finish him in every round if I would. Kadota had a good fighting spirit, but I was too much for him. No serious challengers in the class (140-pound limit) were seen before me.

"I'll meet Jose Napoles for the welterweight crown next year."

The onesided victory upped his record to 46 wins (32 KOs) against 9 defeats and one draw.

It was Kadota's 8th setback against 35 wins (22 KOs). In spite of our man's kayo the crowd was on its feet time and again, appeared to be fully entertained at Cervantes' impressive showing.

▲Oscar (Shotgun) Alvarado, from the U.S., 154, dropped Ryu Sorimachi, Japan, three times and knocked him out in the seventh of a scheduled 15 round contest.

It was a total war. But after Alvarado lasted Ryu's opening attack, the defending champ whipped his opponent with a two-fisted attack lopsidedly.

In round two a sharp left decked the Japanese for the mandatory eight count. Ryu, 152¾, Orient welterweight ruler, tried to connect with stinging lefts as he did in the first. Oscar, sturdy and durable Texan, chased the footworker from corner to corner, scoring roundhouse punches to the face. A tide was all for Alvarado from the fourth session. In the fifth session Alvarado threw a wicked one-two, which had Ryu reeling to the ropes and down for another eight count.

In the seventh Dick Young, U.S. referee, called a stoppage after Ryu kissed the canvas again. The Japanese was bloody Wajima via a 15th round kayo in Tokyo in June last. Ryu, with the record of 46-8-2 (2 KOs), should have utilized his superior reach and vaunted footwork. But after the Japanese' combination caught the target well in the first, Ryu got to aggressive to keep expected hit-and-run tactics.

Oscar, more powerful and determined, bored in relentlessly and threw wild leathers whether they caught the mark or not. Oscar's scrappy actions made Ryu backpedalling all the way.

Up to the trick, referee Young had a score 28-23, while Japanese judges Yoshida and Kanaya, 28-24 and 27-22 respectively. It was Alvarado's 53rd win and 39th kayo in his 59 outings. A card for the WBA's 154-pound class title had some 9000 fans gathering at Nihon University Auditorium, Tokyo.

▲Susumu Hanagata, fast Japanese at 112 pounds, seized the WBC's version of flyweight title, as he knocked out Chartchai Chionoi, Thailand, in the sixth round of a scheduled 15 round bout at Yokohama City.

The card drew some 9000 customers there.

Chartchai weighed in at 115½ pounds. He failed to make the weight, 112 pounds, the limit of the class. The veteran Thai, 32, lost his title at the morning weigh-in, so the contest happened on condition that Hanagata would be a champion if he beat the heavier guy.

The Japanese began the fireworks from the start. He scored well with stinging lefts to Chartchai's face. It was their rematch. Hanagata had lost a close decision to the Thai in Bankok, last November. But this time Chartchai appeared to be sluggish due to the unsuccessful reduction of weight. Easily did Hanagata, 27, dominate first three rounds. The taller Thai threw few punches to the fast-moving Hanagata only to be on the defensive. Hanagata took another two sessions with a clearcut margin.

A kayo came at end of the sixth round.

Enrique Jimenez, the third man from the Philippines, called a halt to save Chartchai from further punishment. Immediately the Thai collapsed.

The proceedings were quite lopsided due to the difference of their conditionings. Reportedly even two days before the card Chartchai overweighed the limit by four pounds. It was the first happening under the JBC's control that a champion lost his title owing to his failure to make the weight.

The victory was Hanagata's 41st win against 13 losses and 8 draws. Chartchai suffered his 17th defeat against 52 wins and two draws.

Susumu Hanagata had failed to take the flyweight leadership on four occasions, beaten by Alacran Torres, Erbito Salavarria, Masao Ohba and Chionoi. He was less popular among ringsiders because of his lack in power than Shibata or Wajima. But his speedy hit-and-run style made himself perrenial contender as well as Japan's titlist for years.

▲Lefty Shoji Tsujimoto, 146¾, successfully kept his welterweight title, when he finished Toshiharu Nambu, 145½, in the sixth round. Shoji tabbed his fifth straight defense of the Japan's leadership. Some 2000 fans were in attendance at Kumamoto Gymnasium.

▲On this day there took place three cards at different places. At Korakuen Hall, Tokyo, Sanjo Takemori lost to Spider Nemoto, ex-titlist, in 10 heats. Takemori, promising rookie, was battered at his weekness, bread basket, by his far shorter opponent. Nemoto's incessant rally at his willing mix-up made the hope's winning streak at six. They weighed at 126 pounds each.

▲At Ohmiya, Yasuji Yajima was a points winner over Yasumasa Miura in 10 rounds. They were lightweights at 134¼ pounds.

▲Nagano witnessed a double tenner featuring national champions' engagements. Ushiwaramaru Harada, feather boss, defeated Hidemi Yoshida by a unanimous decision in 10. The veteran showed his favorite windmill rally to the loser's body. Yoshida's feet faded so that he was a dummy for Harada. The winner weighed ½ pound heavier than Yoshida's 126.

In a companion tenner Shoji Tsujimoto, 152½, scored a one-punch kayo in the second round, when he landed a well-timed left to the body of Masami Yoshinaga, 153¾. The titlists won the games with the weight over the limit.

▲Korakuen Hall saw Junichi Ohkubo drop Osamu Toku, 125½, three times to be awarded a kayo win in the third round. A sharp right was a hazymaker of Ohkubo, ex-local Shinjin-o at 124½.

▲Takao Maruki, 132, decked his tune-up go before his second crack at Susumu Okabe's title of 130-pound class, as he polished off Sakae Nakamura, 132, in the fourth round. Local favorite Maruki's win took the praise of some 2000 fans at Tokoname City.

▲The name of Herbert Kang, Korea, was still popular among fight fans here. Kang, then lanky featherweight, stopped Kuniaki Shibata with one uppercut in the 5th session in Jan. 1969. He entered the ring as a junior welterweight at 137¼.

Kang proved that his power punching as well as poor defense was still alive, when he finished Masakatsu Sexike, 139 pounds, in 3. Before the trick, however, Kang was on the defensive all the way to wait for a chance to throw his vaunted right.

▲A news from Manila, P.I. reported that the OBF had ruled the Orient bantam title vacant agazin by nullifying a decision declaring Sukothai Thanomchit of Thailand a new champion.

The Thai drew with Filipino Conrado Vasquez, Filipino, in Bankok on Sept. 17. The Thai commission called his countryman a Orient champ due to a total points sum of scoresheets. The majority draw by two officials' draws and one's vote in Sukothai's favor caused a wide controversy in OBF countries.

▲Prospect Flipper Uehara, 127 pounds, lost a decision to Rigoberto Riasco, Panama, in 10 heats at Korakuen Hall. Riasco, 127¾, proved too experienced for the scrappy but rough puncher. In a companion tenner, Korea's Herbert Kang demolished Yukio Sasaki, 135, in the second round. Kang, at 135½, showed his power too much for the unknown victim.

▲Seoul, Korea, saw Japan's Genzo Kurosawa badly beaten by Soo Hwan Hong, the current world titlist in 118-pound class, in 10. A decision was quite lopsided.

The JBC's middleweight title was relinquished by Flasher Ishibashi, U.S. soldier whose real name was Steven Smith. He was discharged from military service and decided to return to his country. Smith told that he would continue fighting in his native land.

Koichi Wajima, dethroned junior middle champion of WBA, began hard training. A news delighted fight fans, because he had been inactive since his KO by Oscar Albarado in June. He is scheduled to meet Oscar again in 15 rounds in January.

ZUNIGA BEATS VACA IN 12 FOR MEXICAN WELTER TITLE

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Mexico, D. F. — Arturo Zuniga, 146, won Mexican welterweight championship when he beat Felipe Vaca, 146, in twelve rounds. Laudiel Negron, 132, Puerto Rico, stopped Lupe Galindo, 133, in five. Jose Figueroa, 148, iced Armando "Aleman" Alatorre, 146, in the opening round.

▲**Mexico, D. F.** — Vicente "Yambito" Blanco, 124, of Nicaragua, destroyed Octavio "Famoso" Gomez, 124, in three rounds. Ney Gordillo, 125, whipped Mario Servin, 125, in 10. Felipe Gallegos, 116, won by a disqualification from Fernando Gomez, 118, in four.

▲**Mexicali, Baja Calif.** — Carlos Zarate, 118, tko'd Frankie Cruz, 119, Puerto Rico, in two. Isaac Marin, 132, Costa Rica, tko'd Alex Moyado, 134, in 4. Martin Corona, 119, defeated Andres Torres, 119, in 10. Rosalio Muro, 124, halted Francisco Sanchez, 125, in 2.

▲**Rio Bravo, Tamaulipas** — Adrian Talan, 125, decisioned Fernando Velez, 125, and captured featherweight title of Tamaulipas State. Jose Luis Cruz, 133, bested Babe Borrado, 131, in 10.

▲**Tijuana,** — Ernesto Caballero, 146, won over Gustavo Garcia, 147, in 10. "Topo Gigio" Vasquez, 114, beat Martin "Buchanan" Garcia, 115, in ten. "Mantecas" Ramos, 124, and Paco Muniz, 123, drew in ten.

▲**Agua Prieta** — Simon Fortanell, 134, outpointed Juan "Cachorro" Medina, 134, in ten.

▲**Oaxaca** — Jose Figueroa, 147, bombed Luis Gutierrez, 146, in one. Sixto Perez, 117, beat Timoteo Gonzalez, 117, in 10.

▲**Torreon, Coahuila** — Sigfrido Rodriguez, 130, stopped "Zurdo" Salcedo, 129, in four.

▲**Mexico, D. F.** — Margarito "Mosco" Lozano, 113, won by a disqualification over Lupe Pintor, 112, in four. Sergio Lozano, 145, kayoed Salvador Ruvalcaba, 146, in 4. Gerardo Aceves, 124, embalmed Juan Juarez, 124, in 3. Alfonso Jimenez, 135, tko'd Anatolio Ramirez, 135, in three.

▲**Monterrey, Neuvo Leon** — Teo Gonzalez, 118, tko'd Chuy Rocha, 118, in nine. Samuel Machooro, 118, tko'd Victor Rocha, 118, in 8.

▲**Acapulco** — Esteban Chupin, 135, tko'd Gaby Reynoso, 137, in four.

▲**Guadalajara** — Jose Luis Alcala, 135, decisioned Jose Angel "Toro" Medina, 135, and became new lightweight champion of Jalisco State.

▲**Puebla** — Alfredo Escalera, 134, Puerto Rico, tko'd Eleuterio Hernandez, 134, in eight.

▲**Mexico, D. F.** — Tarcisio "Famosito" Gomez, 118, tko'd Memo Rodriguez, 123, in 8. Luis Torres, 111, won by a disqualification from Aureliano Castillo, 111, in 7. Jose Luis Hernandez, 133, tko'd Raymundo Villa, 132, in 3.

▲**La Paz** — Enrique Meza, 115, won by a disqualification over Lucio del Rio, 114, in five.

▲**Tijuana** — Carlos Mimila, 125, ko'd Pedro Jimenez, 125, in 3.

▲**Mexico, D. F.** — Jesus "Chuy" Rodriguez, 124, tko'd Chucho Cedeno, 125, in 3. Lupe Galindo, 133, tko'd Armando Varela, 133, in 3. Francisco Santillan, 123, ko'd Armando Cardona, 123, in 3. Nacho Rivera, 124, lost to David Munoz, 125, in six.

▲**Valladolic, Yucatan** — Miguel Canto, 112, bested Ricardo Delgado, 112, in ten. Gonzalo "Zurdo" Gonzalez, 113, beat Romulo Cortes, 112, in ten. Chucho Loria, 111, won by a disqualification from Evelio "Zurdo" Munoz, 112, in seven. Mariano Garma, 111, tko'd Virgilio Estrella, 112, in 6.

▲**Acapulco** — Mario Gatica, 111, knocked out Miguel "Ranchero" Fernandez, 111, in three. Lorenzo Alarcon, 145, tko'd Tony Cruz, 146, in four.

▲**Guadalajara** — Juan Zarate, 112, kayoed Anastasio Mijares, 112, in 3.

▲**Tapachula, Chiapas** — Panchito Calderon, 119, defeated Angel Chim, 117, in ten.

▲**Mexico, D. F.** — Jose Torres, 126, tko'd Benjamin Ortiz, 125, of Puerto Rico, in 8. "Pipino" Cuevas, 143, ko'd Sammy Garcia, 143, in 3. Silvio Aguilar, 122, tko'd Jorge Aguilar, 124, in seven.

▲**Puebla** — Jose Chavez, 117, tko'd Rafael Varela, 117, in 5.

▲**Tijuana** — Roberto Alvarez, 114, outscored Jorge Padron, 114, in ten.

▲**Durango** — Jose Luis Lopez, 130, tko'd Rene "Mochila" Morgan, 129, in five.

▲**Guaymas, Sonora** — Jose Luis Soto, 117, defeated Juan Medina, 116, in ten.

▲**Oaxaca** — Memo Cruz, 128, upset the gang when he outpointed Alfredo Escalera, 128, in Puerto Rico, in ten. The decision was booed by the fans who thought Escalera must be the winner.

▲**Mexico, D. F.** — Rafael "Bazooka" Limon, 125, nailed Salvador Medina, 126, in 3. Alfredo Davila, 117, bested Jose Flores, 117, in 8.

▲**Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chiapas** — Vicente Pool, 116, who is going to fight in the bantamweight class, tko'd Alberto Cabanig, 117, of Philippines, in seven. Catalino Flores, 113, of Philippines, tko'd Jose Manuel "Negrito" Perez, 117, in four. Luis Enrique Garcia, 111, decisioned "Chamaco" Lopez, 112, in ten. Corzo "Cuervo" Nuriulo, 112, polished off Candelario de la Cruz, 112, in one.

▲**Tapachula, Chiapas** — Genaro Prado, 135, knocked out Tony Monterrubio, 135, in 3. Manny Gomez, 117, stopped Kid Tapana, 117, in 10.

▲**Guadalajara** — Alejandro Perez, 124, bested Chucho Hernandez, 125, in ten. Gustavo Salgado, 119, decisioned Fernando Martinez, 120, in ten.

▲**Tenosique** — Humberto Lara, 117, halted Victor Centeno, 119, in six.

▲**Tijuana, Baja Calif.** — Martin "Buchanan" Garcia, 112, tko'd Raul Pacheco, 112, in 12 and became flyweight champino of Baja California State. Emeterio Villanueva, 156, tko'd Ruben Rascon, 157, in two. Gerardo Aceves, 124, tko'd Leonardo Hernandez, 125, in five. Adelaido Galindo, 117, tko'd Tiny Escobar, 116, in 5. Raul "Diablo" Reyes, 117, tko'd José Manuel Lugo, 117, in 8.

▲**Mexico, D. F.** — Mario Chavez, 111, whipped Manuel Castaneda, 112, in ten. Arturo Merino, 125, tko'd Cosme Corcuera, 125, in 2. Agustin Ramirez, 133, tko'd Mario Alvarado, 133, in five. Ruben Garcia, 124, beat Lorenzo Lopez, 123, in 6. Onesimo Carreola, 117, lost to Raul de Caro, 117, in four.

▲**Guadalaja** — Humberto Alcala, 119, tko'd Miguel Cruz, 121, in six. Armando Montes, 135, tko'd Guadalupe Delgadillo, 134, in 8.

▲**Acapulco** — Alex Olguin, 155, tko'd Ruben Arocha, 152, in six. Chucho Aparicio, 117, and Antonio Pino, 119, drew in ten. Mario Ontiveros, 112, outscored Alberto Lozada, 111, in 8.

▲**Leon, Guanajuato** — Salvador "Chino" Martinez, 112, ko'd Severiano Mendoza, 113, in the tenth and last round.

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